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OUTLINES.

The horrors of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows fresh with every dispatch. All efforts are being directed toward the relief of Italy's suffering and the Nations have been quick to come to its assistance. A conservative estimate of the death roll throughout the stricken territory is 115,000—— Character witnesses summoned by the defense in behalf of the alleged night riders at Union City, Tenn., suddenly transformed into witnesses for the State at the trial yesterday. Several swore that Garrett Johnson, the leader of the band, bore a good reputation——Gen. P. C. Hains and Mrs. Virginia Hains, parents of the Hains brothers, testified in behalf of Thornton Hains, on trial as a principal in the killing of Annis, at Flushing, N. Y., yesterday——A wireless message received in Rome states the Lipari Island, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the group is 28,000——The American Historical Association, which has been in session in Richmond, Va., since Monday adjourned yesterday.——As a result of the explosion in the Lickbranch mine near Bluefield, W. Va., it is believed that 60 persons were killed. Forty-nine bodies have been recovered——It was announced at the President-elect's cottage in Augusta yesterday that Chas. P. Taft had withdrawn from the Senatorial contest in Ohio in favor of Mr. Burton——There was a conference held at the Taft's cottage yesterday on the subject of influence to break up the Solid South. ——The indictments against King in Boston on which he has been convicted and taken appeal requires a bond of $31,000——The aftermath of the disaster in Messina where people were searching in the debris for food was appalling——New York markets: Cotton 15 points up, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.60. Flour dull, but steady. Wheat steady, No. 2 red 1.07 1-2 to 1.09 elevator. Corn steady, No. 2, 66 elevator. Oats quiet, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin and turpentine quiet. Money on call steady, 2 1-2 to 3 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 2 1-2, offered at 2 3-4.

Did you get your "eye-opener" this morning?

Of course all of those who sent a supply home yesterday did so in order to have a little on hand in case of sickness.

You fellows who are fond of going fishing should save a little of the supply laid in for next Spring to cure snake bites.

The Congress at its next session is expected to pass an anti-trust law that will in every case apply only to the other fellow.

There was a wonderful amount of visiting among the Tennessee night riders and their families on the night of the Reelfoot lynching.

It begins to look like those who called Taft the "echo candidate" for President are going to find they have made a mistake in their man.

The failure of the jury in the Beach Hargis case to agree shows that in Kentucky fratricide is about as popular as any other class of murder.

We do not suppose Gompers expected to go to jail, but it is mighty serious proposition to attempt to play tricks with the Supreme Court of the United States.

Can it be possible that the out-going and the in-coming Governors of our State are going to oppose each other on the most important question that will come before the Legislature?

Now the Germans are having trouble with the Hottentots. We suppose they will settle the matter by killing a few hundred of the latter and consider civilization benefitted thereby.

If Taft can succeed in bossing Speaker Cannon he will show himself to be a better party manager than Roosevelt and that the smile is more effective than the mailed hand or the big stick.

The whole world sympathizes with Italy in her fearful disaster. We do not suppose there has been anything like this destruction of life and property since the Lisbon earthquake and tidal wave.

How do the Tennessee authorities expect do convict the night riders of murder or of any other crime when most every man in the State summoned as a juror belongs to the secret organization?

If Taft can force Congress to pass a real tariff revision bill, despite both high tariff Republicans and Democrats he will be entitled to go down in history as a President who had accomplished wonders.

The New Year

Begin it right, open an account with The People's Savings Bank, and you will get your interest April 1st. 3t

PASSING OF SALOONS

Dawn of New Year Brought In State Prohibition Law With Little Demonstration.

LAST DAY LEGALIZED SALE

City Administration Has Set Itself to Task of Rigid Enforcement of the Law—Address to the Police Force.

For the first time since when the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or to be more exact, for the first time since the borough of Wilmington was first permanently established in 1725, a period of nearly two hundred years—think of it, my masters!—Wilmington is this morning without the legalized sale of intoxicating liquors in any form.

The curtain fell last midnight on the stroke of 12 o'clock with the dawn of the New Year and the going into effect of the State prohibition law voted last May. The change came with no unusual noisy demonstration and much less drunkenness than one would expect on an occasion of the kind. The New Year marks the passing of 55 saloons, four brewery agencies and one distillery, though several of the saloons and one or two of the brewery agencies actually closed a few days earlier and a number of places were closed early last night after stock had been closed out.

The final day of the saloons in Wilmington was marked by large purchases by private consumers at the closing-out sales and the man without a package under his arm on some one of his trips down town yesterday was the exception. This was, of course, for home consumption and for strictly medicinal purposes. A number of the saloons were dismantled early in the day and a majority of them no doubt disposed of their odds and ends to very good advantage as the purchasers were eager and many. It is safe to say that more liquor was bought and sold in Wilmington yesterday than on any previous day in the history of the city. One enterprising dealer, who had three places uptown, conducted an auction sale of bottled goods last night and the bidding is said to have been lively, some of the goods having brought even better prices than they would have been sold at ordinarily.

The saloon keepers appear to have taken quite philosophically to the change and a great number of them have arranged to engage in other business here, while still others will move to Virginia, further North and to Florida. Those who will remain express themselves as in favor of a strict enforcement of the law and not a few of them are candid enough to admit they are glad of the opportunity to retire from the business and seek some other occupation, not subject so readily to so much turmoil and strife.

In spite of the New Year holiday, the first of the month and the usual holiday hilarity, only five arrests had been made by the police up to 10:30 o'clock last night and there was little evidence of disorder on the streets. The "boys" climbed gracefully on the water wagon and gave little trouble in the act. Many will be riding "high and dry" today and with the evident crystallization of public sentiment in favor of strict law enforcement, there can be no doubt but that good resolutions will be easier this year than for a long time past.

Attitude of City Administration.

Previous mention has been made of the expression of Mayor Springer in regard to the enforcement of the law against the illegal sale of liquor after the first of January. A safe earnest of his resolution and determination in this regard was afforded early last night when the entire police force of 42 men and officers met with him and Chief Williams at headquarters and the two made a public address to the members of the department calling upon them for a rigid and effective enforcement of the law in view of the new and large responsibilities which the going into effect of the prohibition law places upon their shoulders. The men lined up at the police station as the shift of the day and night squads was being made at 7:30 o'clock last evening. The Mayor had no unkind word for his subordinates and talked with them freely and earnestly. The new law, he said, had brought increased responsibilities to each of them. The law could be enforced and the chief would look to them for their part in the work; he would look to the chief and the citizenship of Wilmington would look to the Mayor. He pleaded for a co-operation of all hands for a triumph of the law, especially under the exigencies of the situation as now presented.

Following the Mayor, Chief of Police Williams at the request of his superior addressed a few remarks to his men, calling upon each and everyone of them to do his duty and his full duty. Some blind tigers, he admitted, would rise up here and there from time to time but with 42 men in all parts of the city, these could be quickly silenced and every man would be expected to do his part. The chief recited his investigation of conditions in other prohibition cities and told the men how they could make the law effective and how he would hold each one of them personally responsible for their attitude toward an enforcement of the law.

The men were dismissed with no interference with their duties of the night and each of them seemed impressed with the candid and straightforward manner in which the Mayor and the Chief had addressed them. Scant quarter will be given to the "blind tiger" in Wilmington for the next six months is the apparent determination if the present city administration counts for anything.

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wishes all of its friends a happy and prosperous New Year. **

WORKED SMOOTH FRAUD

Joseph Fitzgerald Fleeced Masons on Spurious Certificates From Baltimore Lodge—Arrested Here and Carried Back.

After successfully working a smooth fraud, involving small amounts of money, with which he travelled from place to place, representing himself as a member of the Baltimore lodge of Masons and in financial distress, Joseph Fitzgerald, a white man of fairly good appearance, was arrested by the police in this city yesterday at the request of the Rocky Mount authorities and carried back last night by Chief of Police J. S. Davis to stand trial on a charge preferred by the Masons of that city.

Upon his arrival in this city Fitzgerald produced a certificate bearing his name and the Baltimore lodge, which indicated that he was a member in good standing, making immediate appeal to the General Relief Committee of the Masons, requesting sufficient money to carry him to Norfolk. Mr. R. C. DeRosset, a member of the committee, was the first Mason that Fitzgerald approached. He was turned away with the satisfaction that if he was a worthy brother his wants would be supplied with the consent of the Relief Committee, which he intended calling together yesterday morning for a consultation over the matter.

In the meantime, Corinthian Lodge No. 250, A. F. & A. M., of Rocky Mount, which had a few days prior to his appearance here furnished him money to go to Florence, S. C., on his contention that he was a worthy applicant, had taken the matter up with the Baltimore lodge and it developed that he was an impostor and the latter lodge expressed some anxiety to apprehend Fitzgerald.

The Masons at Rocky Mount immediately stated the circumstances to Chief of Police Davis of that city, and he telegraphed Mr. A. S. Holden, secretary of St. John's Lodge of Wilmington, stating very briefly a request to arrest Fitzgerald and wire him.

The police here had little difficulty in finding him and shortly afterwards he was identified and arrested in front of the Masonic Temple on Front street by Police Officer J. T. Smith. When arrested Fitzgerald attempted to throw away the spurious certificate, this attracting a by-stander's attention, and he secured it for the use of the authorities. He refused to make any statement concerning his arrest and the alleged charge, only contending that he is a Mason and in good standing.

Chief of Police Davis, of Rocky Mount, arrived late yesterday afternoon and returned with the man on the 7 o'clock train last night. The Baltimore Masons were exceedingly anxious to obtain the certificate being used by Fitzgerald in such a nefarious manner and will doubtless urge his prosecution.

MR. SIDNEY O'KEEF

Young Man Well Known Here Passes Away at Memphis.

Friends in Wilmington will learn with sincere sorrow of the death of Mr. Sidney O'Keef, who formerly held a position with the Atlantic Coast Line in this city, and who passed away yesterday morning at Memphis, Tenn., following a critical illness of several weeks.

The sad intelligence of his death was learned yesterday morning through a telegram received by his brother, Mr. H. E. O'Keef, an employe of the Coast Line, in this city. The deceased was a promising young man and his death is particularly sad. He is survived by his parents and several other members of the immediate family. Mr. H. E. O'Keef left yesterday for Memphis to attend the funeral.

INSPECTED NAVAL RESERVES

Wilmington Division Passed Very Creditably—Col. George E. Hood.

The Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves, in command of Lieutenant Cuthbert Martin and Lieutenant J. M. Murphy, last night passed a very creditable annual inspection by Colonel George E. Hood, of Goldsboro, N. C., assistant inspector general of the North Carolina Guard. There were 43 officers and men in line and the sailor lads showed up in fine form.

Colonel Hood, who has many warm personal friends in Wilmington, arrived yesterday morning and is a guest at The Orton. He leaves this morning for Garland, N. C., where he will be the speaker tonight at a banquet given there tonight by the Yellow Pine Camp, Woodmen of the World.

DAWN OF NEW YEAR

Shriek of Whistles, Roar of Explosives and Shouts of People Acclaim 1909.

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

Watch Night Observance at Several Places—Port and Other Statistics of Commercial Growth of the City.

With the shriek of numerous whistles from the harbor craft and industrial plants, the roar of giant canton crackers and other high explosives, the loud acclaim of hundreds of people in the street and a bedlam of other noises that usually accompany the turning of another cycle by Old Father Time, the New Year was ushered in at Wilmington last night very appropriately as such things usually go.

The most impressive observance of the New Year was at the several city churches and at the Boys' Brigade Armory where appropriate watch night services were held and where large congregations were assembled to ring out the old and ring in the new. At the Boys' Brigade armory, no denominational lines interfered with a general observance of the occasion, the service having commenced at 11 o'clock and lasted one hour with a pleasing musical programme, ten-minute addresses by prominent Wilmington pastors and other exercises. The addresses were with reference to the obligation of one to himself, to his neighbor, to the State and to the Church, the service was a most pleasing one in every respect.

A very largely attended watch-night service at the First Baptist Church was with special reference to the passing of the saloon. At five minutes to 12 o'clock the church bell began to toll the knell of the liquor traffice in Wilmington and from then until the New Year was acclaimed, the worshippers were on their knees in prayer. As the clock struck 12, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" was rendered with much warmth and depth of feeling by those assembled. The meeting from 8 to 10 o'clock was of a social nature and a programme of pleasing music and other exercises was carried out. There were short addresses during the evening by the pastors of the four Baptist churches in Wilmington, Dr. Hale and Revs. Martin, Whitlock and Smith.

Very impressive watch-night services were also held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, where an address was made by Rev. T. P. Noe and there were other exercises, and at the Second Advent Church, on Sixth street. Both these services are reported to have been largely attended and quite appropriate.

New Year For Wilmington.

The dawn of the New Year for Wilmington finds the prospect for the continued material and industrial advancement of the city quite promising. In spite of the financial depression, the past year witnessed the largest cotton receipts in the history of the port, the official recognition of the 30-foot project from Wilmington to the sea, the development of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad connection as a valuable feeder for the port, substantial appropriation for continuing and maintaining the river and harbor projects of the local port by Congress, the almost total absence of commercial failures and an era of building that one could scarce expect in times of financial stress and the demoralization of a Presidential election year. In this brief review, the half cannot be told of Wilmington's continued progress and prosperity and the outlook is most encouraging yet.

The annual report of Captain Edgar D. Williams, harbor master for the port of Wilmington, shows that during the calendar year a total of 252 vessels of 90 tons and over entered, their combined net tonnage having been 338,256. Of this number of vessels 179 were American bottoms of 187,200 net tons register, and 73 were foreign vessels of 161,056 tonnage. The report compares most favorably with the record for the year 1907.

For the calendar year just closed, Colonel John L. Cantwell, the able statistician of the port, finds that receipts of cotton at Wilmington have been 416,283 bales of which 6,655 were domestic exports and 393,842 foreign exports. The total exports amount to 400,497 bales.

No better evidence of Wilmington's continued business prosperity is available than her postoffice receipts, statistics of which were kindly furnished by Postmaster Wallace last night within a few minutes after the day's business had been closed. For the three months ended last night postal receipts were $29,902.04 against only $29,217.86 for the corresponding quarter in 1907. It will be recalled that a year ago there was some little delay in the delivery of stamped paper consequent upon a change of contractors and during this corresponding quarter last year there was an unusual amount of returns from this source credited to December, otherwise the increase this year would have been even larger. Postmaster Wallace says that it is a fact that more mail was handled in and out of Wilmington during the holidays than ever before, which is a pretty good indication that Wilmington has kept the pace in commercial life in all lines, which could not otherwise be arrived at other than by postoffice receipts.

In every line, with remarkably few exceptions, the showing of 1908 for Wilmington has been a good one and the people are encouraged to still greater things for 1909.

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GREAT RELIGIOUS REVIVAL

Evangelist Coombs, of Kansas City, and Gifted Singer Will Arrive Today For Series of Services at Christian Church.

All arrangements have been completed for the series of revival meetings that will begin this evening and continue for several weeks at the First Christian Church, on Dock street, the pastor, Rev. J. A. Erwin, being assisted by Evangelist J. V. Coombs, of Kansas City, and his gifted musical director and soloist, Prof. Eduard McKinney.

For weeks the church has been preparing for this meeting and a season of great religious awakening with the dawn of the New Year is expected.

EVANGELIST J. V. COOMBS.

Evangelist Coombs and Prof. McKinney will arrive this morning from Richmond, Va., and the first service will be held tonight at the usual hour when the speaker will have for his subject, "The Three Kingdoms of Time." This will be followed by a mass meeting for children tomorrow evening and three services on the Sabbath. The morning subject will be the "Power of Love" and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a lecture to women only on the subject, "Troubles, Real and Imaginary." At night the subject will be "Christ in History, Art and Heart." Monday evening the series of services will continue for the week with a sermon on the theme, "Enthusiasm for Humanity."

Both Mr. Coombs and Prof. McKinney are men of National reputation in their respective lines and no doubt will attract a large hearing from the people of Wilmington generally. Prof. McKinney invites Christian singers of the city to join with him in the song services during these meetings.

FROM WILMINGTON

Embarrassing Plight of Young Woman Returning to Wilmington.

Yesterday's Richmond Times Dispatch has the following of interest locally:

"Miss Lilly Henrietta Bayard, the young woman for whom Policeman Hackett was looking Monday afternoon when he made the mistake of detaining the wrong woman near the corner of Seventh and Main streets, was taken into police headquarters by Detective Captain McMahon yesterday afternoon and held for a short time, pending an investigation into her career while she has been in this city. As there were no charges against her and no evidence to show that she had done anything criminal, she was released by Major Werner and taken to the Baptist Neighborhood House, under the care of Dr. James Buchanan.

"The young woman, who is only about 18 to 20 years of age, claims to be from Wilmington, and declared that she was on her way home, when she was robbed of all she had except $2.50. She was left practically penniless, and she went to several places in an effort to collect enough money to pay her expenses home. She had been to Newport News to visit her father, who is an inmate of the National Soldiers' Home.

"The pocket picking occurred a short distance out of Richmond.

"The purse was left in her seat while she went away for a few moments. When she returned it had been rifled of everything except a small amount of money.

(The name of Miss Bayard does not appear in the city directory here, but it is found that she is a member of the First Baptist Church, having joined during a recent revival here, and efforts will be made to relieve her embarrassment in the Virginia city by friends today.)

BEAUTIFUL GERMAN

Young People of L'Agile Club Danced Old Year Out and New One In.

A LARGE HOLIDAY AFFAIR

Most Successful German Ever Given by Popular Social Organization. Large Number of Visitors Including Collegians.

Right merrily last night did L'Agile Cotillon Club dance out the old year and dance in the new, the occasion having been one of the largest and most successful germans ever given by this popular social organization, the beautiful Masonic Temple ball room having been ablaze with light, resplendent in a beautiful holiday decoration and thronged with a gay and fashionable assemblage of young people, many of them visitors here and many of them returning collegians at home for this festive season of the year.

The decorations were of the usual Southern smilax, palms and ferns and the like, a touch of color being added by numerous signal flags from the British ships lying in port, these having been kindly loaned by the masters of the craft through the kindly offices of Mr. James Sprunt. Mr. Paul L. Cantwell was at his best as leader and introduced a number of pleasing figures appropriate to the New Year 1909. The music was by Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra and during the evening the gallery was filled with many interested spectators.

Among those present and dancing were Miss Josephine Ashe, of Raleigh, Mr. Pierre Holmes; Miss Etta Brand, Mr. John Q. Myers; Miss Thurber Gore, Mr. M. B. Gore; Miss Duralde Borden, Mr. Frank Williams; Miss Elise Emerson, Mr. W. B. Stalnaker; Miss Annette Munds, Mr. H. F. Boatwright; Miss Janie Cronly, Mr. L. deD. Belden; Miss Sue Prince, Mr. W. L. Smith, Jr.,; Miss Louise Lamar, Monticello, Fla., Mr. Louis T. Moore; Miss Lord Mr. Thos. F. Wood; Miss King, of New York, Mr. H. K. Nash, Jr.; Miss Theo. Cantwell, Mr. C. F. Arthur; Miss Albright, Mr. R. C. Cantwell, Jr.; Miss Olivia Taylor, Mr. H. P. West; Miss Katie Grainger, Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Lucy Poisson, Mr. Fred Poisson; Miss Lauriston Hardin, Mr. J. L. S. Dushan; Miss Agnes McQueen, Mr. J. N. Jacobs; Miss Isabel Smallbones, Mr. L. J. Poisson; Miss Helen Kenly, Mr. J. V. Grainger, Jr.; Miss Marguerite Walker, Mr. Montgomery Ridgley; Miss Julia Worth, Mr. T. D. Meares, Jr.; Miss Nannie R. Hay, of Raleigh, Mr. W. M. Parsley; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cantwell; Miss Annie Worth, Mr. Markley Crosswell; Miss Helen Strange, Mr. Earl Crosswell; Miss Charlotte Pleasants, Mr. C. D. Maffitt; Miss Rosa Heath, of Lynchburg, Va., Mr. Edw. P. Bailey; Miss Sarah Jones, Asheville, Mr. J. Haughton James; Miss Lina DeRosset, Mr. Shepard Pender; Miss Mildred Smith, Mr. Theo. James; Miss Hughes, of South Carolina, Mr. Benj. Bell, Jr.; Miss Boylan, of Raleigh, Mr. J. N. Huske, Jr.; Miss Gray, of Raleigh, Mr. J. M. Robinson, of Goldsboro; Miss Lucy Bridgers, Mr. S. C. Satterthwaite, Jr., of Waynesville; Miss Margaret Bridgers, Mr. A. M. Frazier.

Stags—Mr. Hommer Giles Day, of New York; Mr. E. I. Holmes, of Asheville; Mr. H. P. Keane, of New York; Messrs. W. A. McKoy, Robert C. James, Milton Calder.

CUTTER'S LONG CRUISE.

Seminole Will Leave Monday For a Cruise of Two Weeks.

After a cruise of a few days up the coast as far as Cape Hatteras, the revenue cutter Seminole arrived in port yesterday morning and reports a rather uneventful trip. The cutter was in wireless communication with the revenue cutter Seneca, which towed the derelict schooner Warner Moore, found off the Virginia coast in a waterlogged condition and abandoned, to Norfolk.

The Seminole will leave Monday for the longest of her Winter cruises, this extending over the entire cruising ground, from Cape Hatteras to Charleston, S. C. This will require some two weeks or more.

New Year Resolutions of a Thrifty Man.

1—Resolved. To save more and spend less.

2—Resolved. To place my savings in a good strong Savings Bank.

3—Resolved. To increase my principal by the addition of 4 per cent. Compound Interest.

4—Resolved. That after due consideration I have selected The People's Savings Bank as my depositary, and I invite my friends to do likewise.

(Signed) THE THRIFTY MAN.

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INCREASE OF JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Judging from what we see in the papers of the State we feel sure there will be a determined effort to increase the number of judicial districts in the State. This matter will surely come before the next Legislature and it will be asked to increase the present number, which is sixteen, to about twenty, in order that the present congested condition of the civil dockets in some counties may be relieved.

One of the daily papers in Greensboro stated the other day that there were eight hundred cases on the civil docket of Guilford county awaiting trial and that the two weeks' term of court for trial of such cases scheduled to begin last Monday was not held because of doubt on the part of the judge assigned to hold the court of his legal right to hold the same.

As far as we have seen the chief demand for additional courts has come from that county, though there are others in the State where the condition of the dockets is such that relief of some kind should be granted.

The question with us is whether an increase in the number of districts and, of course, in the number of Superior Court Judges, is necessary to bring this desired relief.

It seems to us that were the judges and the lawyers representing the litigants in our courts to show greater desire to clean up the civil dockets there would not be such congestion of the civil dockets. Time and again a judge will open a civil term of court, try a few cases and adjourn the term before the time limit has expired, with a large number of cases still on the docket awainting trial. The trouble lies, not so much in the lack of time given to the courts as in the manner in which the business of the courts is conducted and the calendar of cases for trial is made up before the opening of the court.

We know that the business of the courts in this State has greatly increased in the last few years, but we believe the increase in the number of courts has kept pace with the growth of business; that it certainly has not fallen so far behind as to necessitate the increase of judges and judicial districts from sixteen—the present number—to twenty, as is claimed by some to be now needed in the State.

What, rather, is needed is a better redistricting of the State and greater diligence by bench and bar in the trial of cases on the dockets. There are counties where there is not time enough given to try the cases on the dockets, and there are others where there is not enough business to take up the time of the courts allotted to them.

Instead of creating more offices it would be better to proportion the time and the work of the sixteen judges we now have according to the work in the counties and the evil complained of will be remedied.

If there is to be any increase in the number of judges let it be in the way of appointment of one or perhaps two who will act as extra judges, on assignment by the Governor, to take the places of judges riding the regular circuits when they are incapacitated by sickness or other cause from holding a court, or to hold any special or extra court the Governor finds it his duty to order.

We may be wrong in our opinion that the number of Superior Court judges in the State should not be increased from sixteen to twenty and we are ready to admit our error when shown that such increase is necessary, but with the facts now before us we contend that such increase is not the proper remedy.

WOMEN'S HATS IN CHURCH.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle church in Raleigh, undertook to make the women of his congregation remove their hats—and it is the same old story—the preacher found himself up against a hard proposition. Sunday night, he sized up the array of hats and taking his seat said he would not proceed until the hats were removed. Then, according to a report in The Industrial News, "he waited and waited until the stillness and tick of the church clock became oppressive and still there were a goodly number of hats not removed. The pastor regretted the persistence of some of his flock and expressed the hope that a compromise could be reached. He warned those standing out against his demand that they would have to answer at the bar of eternal judgment for interfering with worship." The solution of the hat-in-church problem was solved long ago. It is to let the women alone.—Charlotte Chronicle.

It will be noted that it is stated in the article above quoted that the pastor regretted the persistence of some of his flock. We venture the prediction that by the time that preacher gets through with this matter he now has on hand he will begin to regret is own persistence. We are counting on the women who kept their hats on winning out in this fight.

The Greensboro Record predicts a "real live issue" in the next Legislature—that of guaranty of deposits in State banks—and it says the issue promises to be most lively because of the fact that the present Governor and his successor take opposite views on the question. Governor Glenn, it says, opposes such a law and will touch on it in his farewell message to the Legislature, while Kitchin, the in-coming Governor, will take grounds in favor of it in his inaugural address. Now there you have it. When such apostles of Democracy disagree on such an important question what are the ordinary folks in the party to do? This will be still more embarrassing when taken in consideration with the fact that the Democratic National platform declared in favor of guaranty of deposits by National banks.

The judge presiding over the trial of the Hains-Annis murder case seems to be trying his best to preserve decency in the trial, but the defense is giving him a hard tussle. The Star has cut out much of the evidence in this case as sent by the Associated Press because considering it unfit to be published in a paper which goes into the homes of our people.

An exchange says Roosevelt has ordered the Marine Band to practice up on the tune "Somebody's Lied," for rendition at the inauguration ceremonies on March 4th next. We suppose the band will be ordered to play that tune in front of the Ananias Club on its way from the White House to the Capitol.

"Mrs. Hale has written the life of Theodore Roosevelt. It is severe in the extreme. She dedicates it "To the galleries to whom he has played so long and so successfully.'"—Exhangec.

If all the persons to whom this volume is dedicated buy a copy Mrs. Hale will be in clover.

"A man may escape the lashes of the law but he cannot escape the lashes of conscience."

Thus says an exchange. But doesn't a man's conscience often grow so weak by a person's repetition of immoral or sinful action that its lashes are not felt?

The Times-Union says the Democrats in Congress should frame a tariff bill of their own and fight for it. That is just what they should do—stop being a party of opposition and become one of aggression on fundamental political principles.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "The liberty of speaking and writing guard our other liberties." But Mr. Jefferson had not so much to fear from a free press as has Mr. Roosevelt.—Columbia State.

—Georgia has collected less than $20,000 of the $250,000 it set out to raise for the support of the State penitentiary from a tax on the manufacture and sale of so-called "near beer." Eight per cent isn't so bad for interest, but it's rather slow work when it comes to the collection of the principal. It is true that in Atlanta the collection of the tax was for a time tied up by litigation, but the supreme court has disposed of that and given the State what, under ordinary circumstances, would be looked upon as clear sailing. Strange to say, however, there has been no rush of Atlanta dealers to the ordinary's office with $200 checks to satisfy the State's demand.—Atlanta Constitution.

—The sums invested in church buildings and church property are beyond calculation; is the relief of suffering commensurate with the wealth of the churches. There was a time when the church owned the greater part of the wealth of Europe; was mankind the better for this accumulation of splendor and the power that goes with inordinate wealth? If Christ came here this week would He set Himself the task of building more churches? Judging by His work and teaching is it not just as reasonable to suppose that He would tear down churches rather than build more? Church property participates in the gains of our civilization and taxes are heavy to produce this gain—does the church bear even its share of the business obligations imposed by its holdings of business interests? There are wealthy church organizations in business; are their tenants more considerately treated than those of other millionaires?—Florida Times-Union.

—Some days ago, in commenting upon the withdrawal of the marines from duty on shipboard, the Picayune expressed the opinion that the substitution of the same number of sailors to do the work formerly performed by the marines would add very materially to the expense of maintaining the ship, owing to the much higher rates of pay given sailors compared with marines. At the time of publishing that comment the Picayune did not have the actual figures before it. The figures are now available, however, and it seems that the increased cost resulting from the withdrawal of the marines will be really very great—in fact, nearly double. These facts were officially developed at a recent hearing before the House Naval Affairs Committee, at which General Elliott, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and some of his leading staff officers were present. All these gentlemen, it appears, were eloquently silent upon the burning question of permanently retiring the marines from duty afloat.—New Orleans Picayune.

—Those few who still harbor a lingering dread lest Mr. Taft prove a President like Mr. Roosevelt may with profit consider the scheme for trust and inter-State railroad control which he has tentatively announced from Augusta. Mr. Taft indulges neither in exhortation nor denunciation but simply outlines a method by which he hopes to get practical results of great importance. His view of corporation control is that it should be regular, thorough and speedy without alarming any interests apart from the conscious wrong-ders. He would make it the function of the Department of Commerce and Labor to gather the facts. The Inter-State Commerce Commission is to pass upon the facts and issue orders accordingly, the courts retaining their present function of determining whether orders are constitutional or not. Virtually, the Department of Commerce and Labor will be prosecutor and the Inter-State Commerce Commission court of first resort—thus remedying a procedure which constitutes the commission, though with little power in either capacity, prosecutor and judge in one. The idea underlying the scheme as a whole is that specialization in administrative work makes for efficiency. Necessarily, the powers of the Department of Commerce and Labor will be very considerably enlarged.—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Bacon—You say he always gives up riddles? Egbert—Yes; he's going out to Dakota now to see if he can give up one.—Yonkers Statesman.

—The Usefulness of Money—"Money doesn't bring happiness." "No; but it's a good drug to make you forget you've missed the things that do."—Boston Transcript.

—Sunday School Teacher—Now, who can tell me what a miracle is? Polly—Please, teacher, mother says it will be a miracle if you don't marry the curate.—Roseleaf.

—"Now," said the teacher of athletics, "place both hands on your hips." "You forget," replied his fair pupil, "that real ladies have no hips this year."—Houston Post.

—"What a masculine creature she is." "I hadn't noticed it. What has she done?" "I saw her give the soda clerk a nickel when she had five pennies in her purse."—Cleveland Leader.

—"It used to be the height of my ambition to own a motor car," said the worried-looking man. "And what is the height of your ambition now?" asked his friend. "To sell it."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—The Judge decided not to pop the question to Maud Muller. "I am looking in the social philosophy of the twentieth century," he explained. Wotting little of such things. Whittieth fixed up a different version.—New York Sun.

—Perfectly Able—"He seems weak" said the first physician. "Do you think he is able to undergo an operation?" "Sure." answered the second physician. "I've looked him up, and he is worth all kinds of money.'—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Miss Oldmaid (cultivated pianist)—Yes, I always play classic music—Mozart, Beethoven and Hayden, you know. Little Girl—You're just like my mamma. She don't play anything but the pieces that was new when she was young.—Illustrated Bits.

—"Rastus, what are you going to do for Christmas dinner? They say turkey will be high." "I's not worryin' 'bout mah'ket repohts," returned Rastus. "De roos' wah I mostly gits mah supply ain't no higher dan las' yeah, no suh."—Philadelphia Ledger.

—"Did you know that if all the salt in the ocean were gathered into one solid body it would make a cube measuring 500 miles each way?" "No, but I don't doubt it. Who has figured it out." "Nobody. I was trying to find out how big a lie you would swallow."—Chicago Tribune.

—Stubb—What's the trouble with the writer's husband? He looks angry enough to chew tacks. Penn—And he is. She dedicated her latest book to him. Stubb—Gracious! I should consider that a compliment. Penn—Not if you knew the title of the book. It is "Wild Animals I Have Met."—Chicago News.

—Monroe Journal: On Sunday night Baxter Stitt, a negro, went to the house of Wilma Horn, and committed a most brutal deed. He knocked at the door, and when the woman opened it, began slashing her with a knife. Before she could get away and run she was badly cut. The brute then went to the bed where the woman's 7-year-old daughter was lying and cut her terribly on the body, and slashed one hand open. He then ran and has not yet been caught.

Seven Years of Proof.

"I have had seven years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best medicine to take for coughs and colds and for every diseased condition of throat, chest or lungs," says W. V. Henry, of Panama, Mo. The world has had thirty-eight years of proof that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, bronchitis, hemorrhage of the lungs, and the early stages of consumption. Its timely use always prevents the development of pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

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TAR HEELS IN THE FIGHT

On Both Sides in Virginia Prohibition Campaign.

South Boston, Va., Dec. 29.—The fight between the "wet" and "dry" forces in Banister district, which includes the two towns of South Boston and Houston, is without doubt the hottest fight waged on this question in the State of Virginia. Three weeks ago it looked as though the "drys" had a walk-over, whereupon the "wets" called upon W. G. Bramham, of Durham, N. C., to handle their campaign for them, and under his leadership they have waged a vigorous fight which today points to their certain victory over the "drys."

While the fight has been dignified neither side has sought or given quarter, and the biggest men in the South have been brought here to speak on the subject. Hon. Thomas Settle, of Asheville, N. C., spoke to the largest crowd of voters ever assembled in South Boston, he taking the anti-prohibition side of the question. Next Tuesday night Hon. D. M. Smith, of Louisville, Ky., will speak for the anti-prohibition forces, Mr. Bramham closing the campaign in a speech at the opera house Wednesday night.

The prohibition forces have had Mrs. Nannie Curtis, of Texas; R. F. Clay, a negro evangelist of Bristol; State Chairman Connor, and tonight ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, N. C., spoke in answer to Settle, Governor Robert B. Glenn closing for the prohibitionists Tuesday night.

Three years ago, South Boston went "dry" by 9 votes, while Houston went "wet" by 107, thus saving the district to the "wets." The fight then was nothing to compare with the present struggle. Those who were three weeks ago predicting a 'dry" landslide, now concede the victory to the "wets;" but to disinterested parties who have looked over the field it is apparent that the majority given the victor will be very small. Both sides welcome the approach of the end.

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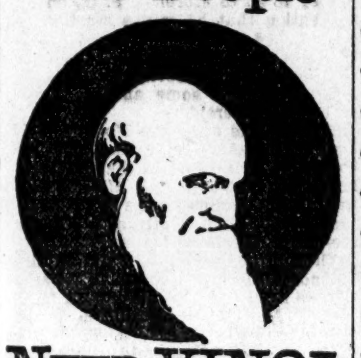

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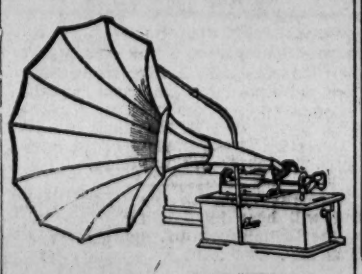

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GEO. O. GAYLORD

first wish is to thank you and everyone of you for your liberal Christmas trade The year of 1908 has been a very hard year, but we have held our own, weathered the storm of financial depression and increased the size of our store to the amount of 7,000 feet of floor space. Christmas is over and has brought many pleasures to us all, and we are now thinking and planning for 1909.

TOY'S

We have not sold out our toys, the assortment is almost complete now. Sunday Schools and Charitable Institutions can get 25 per cent. discount on all their purchases in this line. We buy like we sell, very liberal. We are still receiving new goods.

A big assortment of new Kid Goves just received, in all colors. Elegant new yard-wide Satin at $1.00 per yard. Special styles in children's Hats, were $1.75, now 98c. Ladies' Cloaks, they have taken a tumble in price as we have just bought a drummer's samples and we are letting them go at a big reduction. A few tailor-made Suits, were $10.00, now $7.50. In Furs we have a plenty. The up-to-date new Furs are sold at reasonable prices, and the cheap Furs are sold still cheaper.

OUR DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT

has shared most liberal in our Christmas trade. The great quantity that we have sold still leaves aplenty that is new and up-to-date. We have a nice line of 54-inch Broadcloth that sold at $1.25 and $1.50, we are now selling at 98c per yard. Yard-wide Bleaching, nice quality at 7c per yard. Large assortment of Feather Pillows, a good pillow for 30c a piece; a 2 1-2 pound Pillow at 75c and up to a genuine down Pillow at $2.25. 64-inch wide Table Linen, strictly all linen at 60c per yard. 54-inch Mercerized Linen at 25c per yard.

Our Christmas trade has been better this year than last, which we justly feel very proud of. Thanking you again for your liberal support for the year of 1908, and ask that you continue through the year of 1909 the same. Remember

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Happy New Year Everybody!

The record for 1908 is made up and the book is closed. Remember its joys and forget its sorrows.

May the New Year Be the Brightest and Best Ever for All of Us!

We swing into 1909 with a determination to discount the past at every point of comparison and to make this store more than ever the best clothing store in this locality.

If you're to see the old year out, perhaps you'll need one of our good warm Overcoats, the kind we sell at

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TAILORS, CLOTHIERS, HATTERS AND HABERDASHERS.

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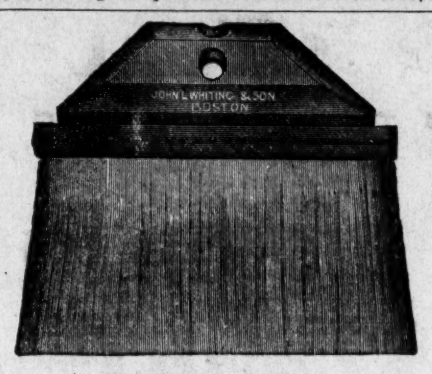

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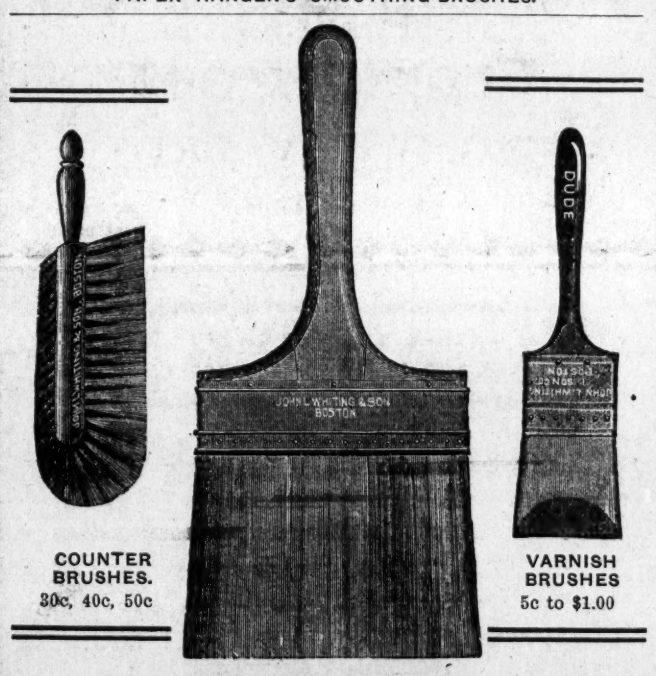

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How a Girl Throws.

Perhaps a better title would have been "How a Girl Doesn't Throw," because it is well known that a girl cannot propel a ball or anything else like a boy. Most people—and all boys—conclude that this defect arises from clumsiness, but that is a mistake.

The difference between a girl's throwing and a boy's is substantially this:

The boy crooks his elbow and reaches back, with the upper part of his arm about at a right angle of forty-five degrees. The direct act of throwing is accomplished by bringing the arm back with a sort of snap, working every joint from shoulder to wrist.

The girl throws with her whole arm rigid, the boy with his whole arm relaxed. Why this marked and unmistakable difference exists may be explained by the fact that the clavicle or collar bone in the feminine anatomy is some inches longer and set some degrees lower down than in the masculine frame. The long, crooked, awkward bone interferes with the full and free use of the arm. This is the reason why a girl cannot throw a stone.

First Victory of the Revolution.

The importance of the assault upon Fort William and Mary is generally overlooked by historians. The demonstrations against various British armed vessels, beginning with the firing upon the schooner St. John in July, 1764, as well as the battle of Alamance, in North Carolina, in 1771, were essentially local and were so far removed from the Revolutionary period that they produced no appreciable effect upon the war itself. The "Boston massacre" was the repulse of a mob by a squad of British regulars, but at Fort William and Mary the royal standard was lowered for the first time, and the gunpowder taken therefrom was burned by the patriots at Bunker Hill. The king recognized in the daring assault the inevitability of the impending struggle. There is truth in the claim set forth on the tablet on the old Fort Constitution of today that the site marks "the first victory of the American Revolution."—Army and Navy Life.

A Pretty Warm Fish.

A well known fisherman was fishing for perch and was seated along the edge of a lake near the roots of a large tree, which was a favorite spot for the perch. Luck had been only fair, and he was debating on the question of hauling in the line and going home when there came a powerful tug.

He knew that he had a huge fish and struggled vigorously for twenty minutes before he landed his prize. It was a sunfish, one of the largest he had ever seen. He landed it on the bank, and then he noticed that the rays from the fish were so powerful that he was almost blinded, and the grass in the vicinity was shriveled up by the heat.

A few minutes later the man fell over. He had been sunstruck by the sunfish and was beyond hope.—Philadelphia American.

Startling.

A gentleman opened a letter addressed to his son containing suggestions from a friend to the latter for a novel which he (the son) was privately writing. The father was exceedingly surprised and frightened upon reading the following dreadful words:

Dear Bob—You really must show more caution in constructing your plots, or the governor will be sure to discover the dead body of Geraldine in the cellar, and then your secret will be out. You consulted me about the strychnine. I certainly think you are giving it him in rather large doses. Let Emily put her mother in a madhouse. It will answer your purpose well to have the old girl out of the way. I think your forgery is for too small a sum. Make it three thousand. Leave the rest of your particularly nice family circle to me. I will finish them off and send you back the "fatal dagger" afterward by post. Yours,

JACK.

—London Express.

Burning Heretics.

The following items, copied from the municipal records of Canterbury by an English magazine, show that the burning of heretics in 1535, the time of the genial King Henry VIII., was an inexpensive amusement:

To bringing a heretic from London	14s. 8d.
For wood to burn him	2s. 0d.
For gunpowder	1d.
A stake and staple	8d.
Total	17s. 5d.

Inspiring Hope.

The Doctor—Bear up. I must tell you the worst—you can't possibly recover. The Client—That's a pity, for if I'd lived a bit longer I should have come into a fortune. As it is, I haven't a penny to pay you with, doctor. The Doctor—Well, now, don't give up hope We'll try to mend you. We'll try.—Illustrated Bits.

As to Stage Fright.

"Stage fright" is surely among the most mysterious of sudden seizures. It begins when the actor or speaker thinks "they are not interested in me." It ends when he determines "I will interest them."—London Chronicle.

The Modern Child.

Little Girl of Four (standing entranced before the window of a toyshop)—Oh, mother, if you was my little girl, wouldn't I take you in and buy you some of these lovely things!—London Tatler.

Her Preference.

"I want to make a gift to Miss Passay," said Dumley. "I wonder what sort of animal she'd prefer for a pet?"

"A man," promptly suggested Miss Knox.—Philadelphia Press.

The only real thing is to study how to rid life of lamentation and complaint.—Epictetus.

Won Her a Diadem.

How did the French come into Sicily? A woman did it. At a festive entertainment held at a French court Beatrice, countess of Savoy and wife of Charles of Anjou, the brother of Louis IX. of France, was removed from the superior range of seats occupied by her two younger sisters, the queen of France and the queen of England. Mortified by the humiliation, she returned to her apartments and burst into tears. Upon learning the cause of her chagrin and her saying that she would be able to give up her life to confine her tresses for one hour beneath a diadem Charles embraced her affectionately and said, "Set your heart at rest, countess, for before long I will make you a greater queen than either of your sisters." So he promised her. He defeated Manfred, the last of the Norman kings, and caused Conradino, the great-grandson of the Emperor Frederick, to be mercilessly slain, he himself and Beatrice witnessing the scene. Upon the death of his brother Charles became king of Naples, thus fulfilling the cherished desire of his wife for a diadem.

The Wrist and the Arm.

The real wrist, as one might say, is the elbow joint. It is all hand, practically speaking, from that point to the tips of the fingers. When you turn your wrist it is the whole forearm that makes the twist, and every movement of the fingers is controlled by the muscles of the forearm. The power to turn the wrist to and fro at the elbow joint is possessed only by human beings and monkeys, and even the higher apes are not able to do the trick nearly as well as we can. In this movement the great biceps muscle in the upper arm is importantly concerned, its powerful action in turning the forearm outward being accountable for the fact that we are able to put so much more strength into a twist in that direction than the opposite way. Many of our most familiar tools indeed, such as the screwdriver, are made with reference to the anatomical peculiarity in question. It is for this reason and no other that all screws turn to the right.

Reed and Strout.

Thomas B. Reed served in the navy during the civil war, and in 1865 he returned to Portland to practice law. One of the strongest men at the Portland bar at the time was A. A. Strout. Before beginning the trial of a suit it was Strout's habit to inquire of every juror as to the state of his health and impress each with the idea that the lawyer was solicitous of that juror's personal welfare. Reed and Strout were constantly antagonizing each other, though they were very good friends. In nearly every case of importance Strout and Reed were on opposite sides. It was annoying indeed for the suave Strout to hear Reed drawl out before the opening of a case:

"Well, your honor, Brother Strout having finished his morning task of shaking hands with the jury, we may now, I hope, proceed with the business of the court."

Beating Women.

"If it is true that national adages give an insight into the ideas of a people," says the Berlin Radical, "women must occupy a strange position in Russia. One of these old saws runs, 'Love your wife as much as your mule,' and another tells the good man, 'Shake your wife as you would a fruit tree.' That woman is not considered frail is shown by the adage, 'You may safely beat your wife with a broom handle, for she is not made of porcelain.' Beating must be considered a wholesome pastime, to judge from the saying, 'If your wife deserves a beating in the morning, remind her of her faults by giving her another at noon.' In justification of this kind of attention the Russian says, 'The more a man beats his wife the better his meals will be.'"

The Sea Serpent Myth.

It is possible, even probable, that the sea serpent myth started in all good faith. In the southern seas grow the gigantic algae, the largest of which measure from 400 to 600 feet in length. These when rolled on the beach form enormous cables several hundred feet long and as thick as a good sized tree trunk. Such cables washed out to sea by storms may very easily have given rise to the farfamed but yet undiscovered sea serpent.—New York American.

Nice, Easy Job.

The following advertisement recently appeared in an English newspaper: "Man required for demonstration, purpose an old English rack (star chamber pattern); would have to be slightly stretched to show how rack worked; man should be short to start with."

Quite Fortunate.

New Girl (timidly)—I s'pose you are a fine cook, mum? Young Mistress—Bless me, no! I don't know anything about it. New Girl (relieved)—Then we'll get along famously, mum. I don't either.—New York Journal.

The Pearl of Great Price.

"Put disposition above beauty," is the advice of a modern sage to the young man who thinks of taking to himself a wife. But it requires such a long time to discover disposition.—Providence Journal.

Conflicting.

"There is safety in numbers," quoted the wise guy.

"And yet we are told that too many cooks spoil the broth," added the simple mug.—Philadelphia Record.

The brave man may fall, but he cannot yield.—Irish Proverb.

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Ladies Felt Romeo Slippers	$1.50
Ladies Muler, Blue, Pink, Lavender	$1.00
Over Gaiters, All Colors, Reduced to	50c
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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, Dec. 31:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 56 degrees 8 P. M. 52 degrees; maximum 63 degrees; minimum 51 degrees; mean 57 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; for the month, 2.15 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Thursday at 8 A. M. — feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair and colder Friday; Saturday increasing cloudliness moderate shifting to northeast winds.

Port Calendar—Jan. 1.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:59 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 3:55 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 5:50 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Atlantic Cafe—Thanks.
Christian Science—Lecture.
E. Warren & Son—Ice Cream.
Crystal Palace—Place Today.
W. B. Cooper—Mules For Sale.
City Livery Co.—Just a Jingle.
Southern National Bank—1909.
Hopkins & Davis—Dressed Turkey.
John F. Croom—Executor's Notice.
Murchison National Bank—Thanks to Friends.
Jas. F. Post, Treas.—Dividend Notice.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co—Greeting.
Southern Distilling Co.—Send Your Orders.
American National Bank—Savings Deposits.

Business Locals.

James Owen Reilly—Lot For Sale.
James Owen Reilly—Residence For Sale.
Smith & Lord—Start New Year Right.
Francis J. Fluno—Lecture on Christian Science.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. G. Evans returned home last night after spending several days in Petersburg on a visit.

—State Deputy M. Bachrach returned on the early train this morning from Whiteville where he instituted last night a thriving court of Foresters in that town.

—Messrs. L. I. Moore, of Newbern; M. M. Capps, of Jacksonville, N. C.; G. H. Currie, of Clarkton, and Oscar High, of Whiteville, were among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday.

—Misses Maie and Bessie Whitney, and Messrs. Leland Whitney and J. Ernest Grant, of this city, are attending a house party given by friends at Sumter, S. C.

—Mrs. A. P. Yopp is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. Austin Best, of Augusta, Ga. Mr. A. H. Yopp, who accompanied his mother to Augusta for the Christmas holidays has returned to the city.

—Mr. W. A. Rourk returned yesterday from Brunswick county where he spent the holidays. Friends will regret to learn of his deep bereavement in the death of his mother while away. A more extended notice of the death will be given later.

—Dr. L. B. Byrd, who some months ago took up the profession of optician and has been traveling extensively for the past year, is in the city to spend the holidays. He will leave next week for Petersburg, W. Va., where he will be located temporarily.

—Greensboro Telegram: "Col. W. H. Osborn and Major Chas. M. Stedman have returned from Wrightsville Beach, where they have spent the last few days. They both express themselves as greatly delighted with their trip. It would be difficult to find in the Cape Fear section any one more attached to its traditions and its people than Major Stedman who lived so long among them."

Complimented Their Pastor.

A large number of members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, upon the occasion of the birthday of their pastor, Rev. W. A. Snyder, called at the parsonage last evening and wished him the compliments of the season and many happy returns. The pastor received a number of handsome gifts, including a very handsome rug for his study, a handsome rocker from his Sunday School class, a reading lamp and other articles, which were greatly appreciated. The host persuaded the callers to remain and the New Year was received just at midnight with the reading of a Psalm and prayer. It was a most interesting and pleasant gathering.

Owls Abandon Their Buffet.

In conformity with the strict letter and spirit of the new prohibition law, the Order of Owls several weeks ago decided to eliminate their buffet altogether and the club will in no manner, shape or form dispense intoxicants to its members with the beginning of the New Year. This was the authoritative statement made to a reporter last night by Geo. L. Peschau, Esq., one of the club's attorneys, who prepared an opinion in regard to the matter and submitted it to attorneys of the city, who fully agreed with the position he took in regard to the matter.

The New Year.

is the beginning of a regular interest period at The People's Savings Bank, Deposit now and you will get your interest in Three months. 3t.

Horses boarding at Orrell Livery Co., have large and comfortable stalls and best attention. Try our service. de 31-2t.

Cars to the Beach

Today cars to the Beach every half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—For the month of December the Register of Deeds issued marriage license to 15 white and 20 colored couples.

—A deed was filed yesterday conveying from M. S. Willard and wife to Miss Margaret L. Kingsbury, lot corner of Third and Kidder streets, 33x75 feet in size.

—A special schedule will be operated on the suburban line today, cars to the Beach being run every half hour in the afternoon. The regular schedule will prevail during the morning hours.

—The schooner Lottie R. Russell, Capt. James, arrived in port yesterday from Philadelphia with a cargo of feritlizer for the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Company; vessel to C. D. Maffitt.

—An unknown sneak thief entered the yard of Miss Helen Latta, No. 312 North Seventh street, Wednesday night and stole 15 fine hens. The chickens' heads were pulled off and left in the yard by the thief to whom there is no clue whatever.

—Following its beautiful custom, the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will meet at 7:30 o'clock this morning in a Sun Rise New Year's Prayer and Praise Service, which promises to be quite pretty and impressive. All friends are invited.

—Mr. James F. Post, treasurer, gives notice that the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of 2 1-2 per cent. payable on and after Jan. 11th to stockholders of record on Dec. 18th, 1908.

—Miss Nannie Darden will give a masquerade dance New Year's evening (tonight) in Concordia Hall, on South Front street. Tickets will be on sale at the door and the young people are looking forward to the event with much pleasure and interest.

—The British steamer St. Helena, Capt. Kelley, cleared yesterday from the compresses of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son with cargo of 15,800 bales of cotton, valued at $785,000, and consigned to Bremen, Germany. It will be the first ship of the New Year to pass over the bar freighted with cargo for a foreign port.

EAST CAROLINA NORMAL

Trustees and State Officers Meet and Are Entertained at Greenville

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 31.—Today the trustees of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School and the State Board of Education met here to inspect the buildings being erected for the school. Nearly all of the State officers as well as several other distinguished visitors were here. These were met with carriages at the depot by a committee from the Chamber of Commerce and Carolina Club and driven to the school site where they thoroughly viewed the building and grounds. It was a surprise to the visitors to find such magnificent buildings and beautiful grounds for the school. After the inspection the trustees held a meeting to receive a report from the executive committee and architects of the work so far done. The 47 acres of land and four buildings now nearing completion cost $115,000 of which the State appropriated $15,000 and Pitt county and Greenville $50,000 each.

All are agreed that the school plant here was the best investment the State has made and they could hardly see how such splendid buildings could be erected for the amount expended. The Building and Lumber Company, of Greenville, are the contractors and the good work speaks much to their credit. After the meeting of the trustees all the visitors about, fifty in number, were given a banquet in Carolina Club, where after dinner speeches were made by Governor Glenn, State Superintendent Joyner, Auditor Dixon, Ex-Governor Jarvis, Editor Josephus Daniels, Treasurer Lacy, Editor E. J. Hale, Insurance Commissioner Young, County Superintendent Ragsdale, State Senator Armond, J. O. Carr, of Wilmington. All of them referred to the magnanmity of Greenville and Pitt county and the wisdom of the school's being located here in a county where education has been so fostered and such splendid public school interest developed in the last few years. Greenville entertained the visitors handsomely and all left filled with praise for the town.

PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

Reported That Committee Has Been Formed For Power Company.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—It is reported that the Rockingham Power Company, a $5,000,000 North Carolina power development corporation, in which New England capital is largely represented, is undergoing reorganization. The company was petitioned into a receivership about a month ago, and a committee appointed by the underwriters has finally perfected a plan or reorganization. The Boston member of the committee is Edwin F. Green, treasurer of the Pacific Mill and a director of the Boston & Maine.

The Rockingham Power Company was originally financed through the issuance of $2,200,000 bonds at 90 with a 50 per cent. preferred stock bonus and $1,500,000 stock. The funds provided by this underwriting had proved inadequate and in the reorganization it is proposed to raise $1,500,000 additional cash through the sale of $1,900,000 bonds at 80. The present company massed $2,000,000 in bonds outstanding together with $1,100,000 preferred and $1,500,000 common. In the reorganization the present bondholders will receive 5 per cent. of the par value of their bonds in new bonds and 50 per cent. in common stock. For their preferred they will receive 25 per cent. in new common and for their common 10 per cent. in new common. The Rockingham Power Company has a 30,000-horse-power plant at Blewett Falls, N. C., designed to furnish power to the numerous cotton mills in that section of North Carolina.

The People's Savings Bank

wishes all of its friends a happy and prosperous New Year. **

The Theatre

The Crystal Palace will no doubt attract many New Year holiday amusement seekers today. The programme underwent an entire change yesterday with "Love," a cute and charming little maiden, still the favorite. The change of programme is a pleasing one and includes Chas. Mears, the bugler; Ben Fagan, the "fellow with the dope book;" The Williamses, sketch artists, and Petite Lois, another popular favorite in a juvenile act. The Palace will have open house all day with performances specially for New Year both afternoon and evening.

"The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter."

"The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter" will be the New Year offering at the Bijou today and a pleasing one it will be. It is a picturesque story of the always charmed life of those who keep "eternal vigil" and the sensational account of a daring heroine who triumphs at last among those "who go down to the sea in ships." Prices never more than five cents at the Bijou and a continuous performance.

MANY PRETTY CALENDARS

Gladsome New Year Brings Its Harvest of Pleasing Souvenirs.

It has come about with the evolution of modern business that there is no more pleasing reminder of the holidays than the harvest of beautiful New Year souvenirs in the form of calendars exchanged between enterprising merchants, firms and corporations in all lines of commercial endeavor.

This New Year, in spite of panic, financial depression and hard times, the number of these greetings is larger and the variety of even greater beauty than ever before. The Star acknowledges with thanks the receipt of copies of the following in addition to those already acknowledged:

One of the very prettiest and most serviceable is a large wall calendar presenting the magnificent landscape, "Woods in Brittany," reproduced by color photography from an original painting by Leon Richet, one of the greatest artists of modern France. This calendar is sent out by Messrs. S. L. Smith & Son, manufacturing sheet and metal workers with plant at Eighth street and A. C. L. tracks. Recently $15,000 worth of machinery was installed and this firm will manufacture fire proof sash, blinds and doors and, it is said, will be one of the few firms in the South making goods of this character.

The Life Insurance Co., of Virginia, issues a very useful calendar for office use and another smaller one of more artistic design. They are sent out with the compliments of Mr. B. T. Hopkins, the Wilmington superintendent, and are much appreciated.

Ahrens Bros, wholesale druggists of this city, issue a handsome water color reproduction of "The Ocean's Mirror" with background of black, which is decidedly artistic and pleasing to the eye.

Bingham Brothers Co., Philadelphia, manufacturers of "Machine Cast" printers' rollers, are favoring the trade with a splendid office calendar, the dates being in plain black figures and easily distinguishable.

The O. J. Maigne Co., manufacturers of printers' rollers, New York, is also sending to the trade a very servicable calendar with the compliments of the season.

Dobler & Mudge, paper manufacturers of Baltimore, are exceedingly happy in their calendar souvenir, presenting water color reproduction of the "Fortune Teller" on an attractive background with little printing.

The "regulation" office calendar without which no print shop is complete is sent out by J. L. Shoemaker & Co., manufacturers of bookbinders' material, Philadelphia. The firm was established in 1840 and is one of the oldest and most reliable houses in its line in the country.

ENTERTAINED EMPLOYES.

D. L. Gore Company Dine Corps of Salesmen and Office Force Here.

The D. L. Gore Company, one of Wilmington's leading wholesale grocery houses, entertained its salesmen and office force in this city, at the eighth annual banquet in honor of the employes of the firm last evening at the Colonial Inn. Mr. D. L. Gore, president of the company, served as toastmaster and a number of very happy and appropriate responses added interest and pleasure to the otherwise feast of good things. Those present other than the presiding officer were Miss Annie Fonvielle, Miss Stewart, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Messrs. Claude Gore, of Rockingham; L. B. Rogers, J. T. Gresham, L. C. Hubbard, W. W. Love, M. M. Woody, O. O. Whitlock, T. C. Munn, J. W. Shepherd. The menu was a most inviting one and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

RECEPTION THIS EVENING

New Year's Welcome at Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball in Afternoon.

The New Year's reception this evening at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, will be one of the events of the New Year in Wilmington. The public is given a cordial invitation. The literary and musical programmes will be especially entertaining, the reception to begin at 8 o'clock.

In the afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock a series of basket ball games will be played between teams of the Y. M. C. A. in the gymnasium. All are invited.

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Cars to the Beach

Today cars to the Beach every half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. **

Agents, New Idea Patterns Carhartt Overalls.

J. H. Rehder & Co. THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE "The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare."

Crawford Shoes Kirschbaum Clothing.

Gifts for Xmas Entertainments & New Year

All Toys and Fancy Goods at Cost and Less Than Cost

Car Fare Paid on Purchases of $2 and Over

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NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Tempting Menu Will be Served at The Orton by Manager Hinton.

Guests at The Orton will be served an excellent New Year dinner by Manager Jos. H. Hinton today, the menu for which has been prepared by the chef as follows:

Oyster Cocktail.
Little Necks on Half Shell
Olives Hearts of Celery
Salted Almonds
Consomme en Tasse.
Green Sea Turtle, a la Orton
Broiled Blue Fish au Beurre
Pommes Julienne
Baked Rock, Stuffed, Oyster Dressing
Raddishes. Sliced Tomatoes
Lettuce Salad
Boiled Hog Jowl and Black-eye Peas
Quail Stuffed With Crackling Bread, Maitre de Hotel
Scallops in Cream au Gratin
Sweetbread Croquettes aux Truffles
Venison Cutlets, Mushroom Sause
Native Scuppernong or Claret Wine
Roast Young Turkey, Stuffed With Nuts, Cranberry Sauce
Roast Ribs or Prime Beef, au Jus
New Potatoes in Cream
Asparagus Sause Hollandaise
Carolina Rice
Garden Peas Baked Yams
Mince Pie Pumpkin Custard Pie
Fresh Strawberries in Cream
Chocolate Ice Cream
Old Wedding Cake Fruit Cake
Small Assorted Jumbles
Figs Nuts Raisins
Cream Edam or Roquefort Cheese
Toasted Biscuit
Demi-Tasse
Friday, January 1st 1909.

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When in doubt try
POCAHONTAS PERFUME
For Sale by
ROBERT R. BELLAMY,
Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE RAILROAD COMPANY,
Office of the Treasurer.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1908.

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has declared a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the Common Capital Stock of that Company, payable at the office of the Treasurer, at Wilmington, North Carolina, on and after January 11th, 1909, to stockholders of record on the 18th day of December, 1908. The transfer books are closed from the 18th day of December, 1908, at three o'clock P. M., to the 12th day of January, 1909, at ten o'clock A. M., both dates inclusive.

JAMES F. POST,
jan 1 to 11. Treasurer.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of William Sherman, Sr., of Bladen county, on the 21st day of December, 1908, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of the said William Sherman, Sr., to make immediate payment and settlement; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

This 29th day of December, 1908.
JOHN F. CROOM, Executor.
Colly, N. C.
1-a-w-6-w.

BOSTON & MAINE RAILROAD
Claim Department
W. A. Barker, Claim Agt.

Boston, Dec. 23rd 1908.

J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., Wilmington, N. C.
Gentlemen:—

During a recent business trip to Wilmington I was troubled quite a little with constipation. I bought at your store a small bottle of Pink Pellets and I have never used anything that has acted so nicely on my stomach as they did. I have tried in several drug stores in Boston to find some like them but have been unsuccessful; consequently I write to you and enclose $1.00. Will you kindly mail me that amount in the little Pellets and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours
(Signed) W. A. BARKER.

N. B.—The above is a true copy of original letter we are in receipt of and needs no comment from us to an intelligent public—exeept that if you have any stomach, liver, or bowel trouble Pink Pellets will accomplish results. Good for man, woman or child.

J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.
"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has.

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"To Our Country Friends"

We have just received a car load of

American Steel & Wire Co.'s "Royal" Field Fencing.

Can furnish twenty-six inches to forty-seven inches high, both six and twelve inch stays.

Send us your orders.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.

dec 1 tf

Furs! Furs!

We have on hand quite a nice selection of Furs, and anyone contemplating purchasing should not fail to give us a call. Only a few pieces of Black Lynx left, and will not be able to order more on account of the great advance in price. Now is your opportunity.

C. H. FORE & CO.

dec 27 tf

CHARACTER OF RIDERS

Six Testified in Behalf of Accused Men—Court Determined to Cease Bickering Between Lawyers in the Case.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 31.—A half dozen character witnesses summoned in behalf of the eight alleged night riders now on trial, were suddenly transformed into witnesses for the State today. These witnesses included John Williams, Justice of the Peace Stephen Fields and five others.

Each declared that Garrett Johnson bore a good reputation and that Frank Fehringer, the confessor was a man of bad reputation. But each also declared that ever since night riding began, Johnson was suspected of being the captain of the band and that while Fehringer was known as a "boot legger" of whiskey, he had a reputation for telling the truth.

The attorney general asked Justice Field if he were not only a sympathizer with the night riders but an actual member of the band. The justice denied the allegation and a mild sensation was created when Attorney Pierce of the defense declared that he proposed to hold the Attorney General responsible in court and out of court for indignities, discourtesies and insults," where to the Attorney General responded that he was willing to be held responsible by Mr. Pierce either in court or out of court, for anything he has either said or done.

The court admonished the attorneys that unless the bickerings ceased, members of the bar would find themselves the enforced guests of the sheriff. Both men then disclaimed any save pacific intentions, and thus the incident closed.

When court adjourned for the day, 27 witnesses had been examined.

New Year With Cherokee Tribe.

Cherokee Tribe No. 9, Independent Order of Red Men, last night celebrated the approach of the New Year with a rousing meeting at its wigwam on North Front street. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and after the regular kindling of the council fires, the Haymakers met in social session, members enjoying a delightful New Year's banquet during the progress of which many members responded with sentiments of the holiday. The meeting and banquet was a great success.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

To all our friends! may their joys be many, their troubles few. The People's Savings Bank. **

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VIRGINIA TOWNS GO DRY

South Boston and Houston Caught in Wave of Prohibition—Voted Whiskey Out by 134 Majority—Mail Order Towns.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 31.—Banister District in Halifax county, which comprises the towns of South Boston and Houston, located eight miles apart, voted dry by a majority of 134 in a total vote of about 730 cast today in the local option election.

The election means the abolition of eight saloons in South Boston, which pay a city tax of five hundred dollars each, and two saloons in Houston paying a tax of a thousand each, and one brewery and two distilleries.

South Boston's majority was sixty eight and Houston's sixty six for the dry ticket.

Since the voting out of liquor in many cities of Virginia and North Carolina, South Boston has been doing a large mail order shipping business into prohibition territory.

The election today will likely be contested.

BELIEVED 60 WERE ENTOMBED.

Forty-Five Bodies Recovered Already From Lickbranch Colliery.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Bluefield, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Forty-nine bodies have been recovered from the ill-fated Lickbranch colliery, in which an explosion occurred last Tuesday and it is not known how many more are there.

It was a more disastrous explosion than was at first supposed the cause for this being the fact that it was not known how many men were at work at that time in the mine. There is scarcely any doubt but that the dead will reach 60.

The records of the mining department shows that State Mine Inspector D. R. Phillips inspected this mine in August, spending some time there and his report was to the effect that the ventilation was good and the drainage fair, that there was do dust, no gas and no dangerous practices on the part of the employes, and that the general condition and safety of the mine was good.

Watched Fifteen Years.

"For fifteen years I have wached the working of Bucklen's Arnica Salve; and it has never failed to cure any sore, boil, ulcer or burn to which it was applied. It has saved us many a doctor bill," says A. F. Hardy, of East Wilton, Maine. 25c at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School Celebrated Last Night.

The anniversary holiday entertainment of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School last evening was one of the most enjoyable ever given by the young people of that popular congregation and attracted a large number of members and friends. The entertainment was in the Sunday School room and the platform was beautifully decorated with long-leaf pine and Christmas and New Year bells according to a color scheme of red and green.

The affair was arranged under the direction of a committee composed of Mrs. Ed King, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stewart and Mrs. Linwood Latta, while Mr. William H. Sprunt, the beloved superintendent of the school, presided during the evening. The musical selections by the choir led by Miss Lucy McIntosh, soprana, and with orchestral accompaniment with Misses Madge McDougall and Mary Campbell at the piano, and Mr. Wait Bagley, Misses Mary Belle King, Annabel Campbell and Isabel McDougall, in charge of other instruments, were most delightful.

Each of the twenty classes in the weel organized school made offerings for the Barium Springs Orphanage and more than $100 worth of supplies of every kind will be forwarded today. The men's Bible Class gave a barrel of flour, a lady's class, a bolt of canton flannel; the officials, a number of warm blankets; the infant class, a barrel of apples, etc., so that the little ones at Barium Springs will have reason to remember their friends of Saint Andrew's for years to come. Each class accompanied its gift with a pleasing little sentiment quite appropriate to the occasion.

The children themselves received pleasing gifts and besides a very neat collection of money was received for the orphanage and for the faithful colored sexton of the church. The school also gave to each teacher and officer of the school a very handsome little gift with the compliments of the season.

Completed Splendid Wharf.

Supt. Pickett and members of the street force have just completed the building of a splendid new wharf at fire boat headquarters at foot of Chesnut street. The lumber was some very fine heavy timber from the repair of Fourth and Fifth street bridges and there is still enough left for the repair of Market street dock which will be undertaken very soon now.

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WARM WIRELETS.

James J. Jeffries has refused an offer made by John Wren of a purse of $50,000 for a fight with Jack Johnson for the world's heavy weight pugilistic championship lose or draw.

Norfolk and Portsmouth have taken steps to aid the earthquake sufferers in Italy in response to the proclamation of Governor Swanson. The Italian colony of Norfolk is arranging to call a mass meeting of citizens within the next day or two. Mayor Reed, of Portsmouth, has called a mass meeting for tonight.

OFFER TO YOUNG MEN

Education for Energetic Students at A. & M. College.

Mr. W. B. Cooper returned yesterday from Raleigh, where he attended a meeting of the trustees of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, being a member of that body, and at the request of President Hill, who is making an effort to obtain a number of young men who are willing to work for their tuition and board, can give encouragement to some six young men here, who desire to go to school and are unable to defray their expenses.

Dr. Hill offers a splendid proposition, by way of encouragement, to the effort that successful applicants will be privileged to divide time, agricultural work being required of them one week and the same length of time in school, throughout the session. The student will also realize $15 per month for his services and will be expected to work in Summer. Interested young men may communicate with Dr. Hill for further particulars.

Funeral of March Walker.

In the presence of a large assemblage of friends from both the white and colored races the funeral of the late March E. Walker was conducted at 11:30 o'clock yesterday morning from the First Baptist Church, colored, of which he had long been a faithful member and official. The services were by the pastor of the congregation, assisted by several visiting ministers. Chairman Rathjen and Messrs. King and Karr, of the Market Committee of the Board of Aldermen, attended the obsequies and from them and many other friends came a large number of handsome floral designs.

Installation and Banquet.

Officers of both Jeff Davis and Geo. Washington Councils, Jr., O. U. A. M. for the ensuing year will be installed on next Wednesday night at the lodge hall on Market street. Following the installation exercises a delightful banquet will be served

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STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT—By investing in attractive real estate. We have fine building sites on Carolina Heights, St. James' Square and elsewhere and improved property on Market street. Smith & Lord, Real Estate & Insurance, 114 Princess street, 'phone 766. ja 1-tf

$3,000 WILL BUY an elegant lot 66 front and 165 feet deep on Market street. Property increasing in value every month. Has two dwellings on it now. Call and see me at once. James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. ja 1-3-2t.

A BEAUTIFUL RESIDENCE for sale in fine order; has nine rooms. Lot 66 feet by 165 feet deep. Property located in the most desirable part of city. Can be bought for $6,200 cash or on time. Apply to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance. ja 1-3-2t.

LECTURE ON CHRISTIAN SCIENCE by Francis J. Fluno, M. D., C. S. D., member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church. The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, at 8:30 o'clock; Academy of Music. Admission Free. Public cordially invited. ja 1-4t.

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

IMPORTANT MEETING of Cape Fear Chapter, U. D. C., W. L. I. Armory, Tuesday, January 5th, 1909, 3 P. M. Election of officers. By order of President. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, secretary. de 27-29 ja 1-3

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

PHOTOGRAPHS and enlargements of every description, done in an artistic and permanent manner. The U. C. Ellis Studio. de 31-tf.

WANTED—Two barbers, $12 a week; sixty per cent. over twenty. J. D. Lorenz, Goldsboro, N. C. de 29 3t

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 18 tf ex su

FOR RENT—From January 1st, 1909, two stores at corner Nutt and Red Cross straets at present occupied by Mr. A. Rothschild. Apply to Martin O'Brien. de 27-2t*

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR RENT QUICK—30-acre farm, good house, barn, fruit trees and vines, on Shell road, three miles from the city. Address P. O. Box 906, Wilmington, N. C. de 24-6t.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

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¶ Began business three years ago,

¶ Paying no interest upon individual deposits.

¶ Declining business propositions not based upon conservative measures.

¶ Observing the regulations of Governmental supervision.

¶ Seeking the small account and giving interested, courteous service, treating all business of its customers as strictly confidential.

We are grateful for the confidence and patronage of the business public which has enabled this bank to acquire, without absorption or annexation of any other institution,

$2,000,000.00 of Clean, Collectible Assets.

We solicit new accounts for the New Year, and extend best wishes to all.

The Southern National Bank

OPPOSITE POSTOFFICE.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—News and Observer: Governor Glenn authorizes an exchange of courts between Judge Allen and Judge Cook, whereby Judge Allen will hold the Pitt county court beginning January 18 and Judge Cook will hold the Franklin county court to convene January 11.

—Concord Tribune: Mr. W. T. Lee, of Haywood county, a native-born Cabarrus man, will represent his county in the Legislature of 1909. Mr. H. G. Ferguson, who was elected to the Legislature in November, died in Baltimore a few days ago and Mr. Lee has been selected to serve in his place.

—Newbern Sun: Mr. Geo. N. Ives, a fish and oyster dealer on our market, had a big drop in oysters Saturday night. In one of his shucking rooms 300 bushels of oysters crushed through the floor into the river. They went down with such a force, making a loud report, that employes of the establishment left the building and made for the edge of the dock to go overboard, but were held back by the spectators.

—Winston-Salem, Dec. 30—Clarence R. Call, a well-known merchant at Wilkesboro, is slated to succeed J. M. Milliken, of Greensboro, as United States marshal, report has it. Mr. Milliken has had the job, which pays $4,500 a year, for ten years. Mr. Call was in indefatigable worker for the G. O. P. in the last election and the election of Charles H. Cowles to Congress is said to have been due in great measure to Call's efforts.

—Rocky Mount Record: Travel has about returned to its normal condition so far as the operating of trains on time is concerned, and while the holiday travel is still heavy and all passenger trains carry additional coaches, the trains are being operated into and out of this city about on time. Many people are returning to their homes after having spent the holidays away, and this accounts for the continued heavy travel. Express traffic is again lightening up and there is at present little congestion in this line and the transfer here is about the same as before the holiday rush.

—Charlotte News: Breaking into a house of refuge at a neighbor's, whither she had fled, and hidden under bedclothes, Henry Ross last night at 10 o'clock, on East Third street, shot and instantly killed Georgianna Billings, a woman with whom he had been living. A moment before the man shot, his victim had been holding a child in her arms but the babe was snatched away in time to save its life by Emma Houston, its mother and the owner of the home where the murder took place. Ross was later found by the police sitting quietly in the house with the pistol in his hands and made no resistance to arrest.

—Charlotte News: Banks and a number of industrial and mercantile corporations will put into circulation in the form of dividends large sums of money in Charlotte this week. Five banking institutions have already announced semi-annual dividends and New Year's checks will be mailed to hundreds of stockholders on Saturday, January the second. Directors of the following banks met and declared semi-annual dividends: American Trust Company, 4 per cent. on its capital of $350,000. Commercial National Bank, 5 per cent. on its capital of $500,000. First National Bank, 5 per cent on its capital of $300,000. Charlotte National Bank, 3 per cent on its capital of $250,000. Merchants and Farmers National Bank, 5 per cent. on its capital of $200,000. The combined capital stock of the five banks mentioned is $1,600,000, and the total amount in dividends which will be paid to stockholders for the six months ending December 31st will be $71,500. The Charlotte National Bank has paid out in dividends during the present year 46 per cent. The usual 5 per cent. dividends was paid in January, and in February at the time of its consolidation with the Charlotte Trust Company, an extra dividend of 38 per cent was paid to the original stockholders to equalize that of the stockholders of the Trust company.

—Durham, Dec. 30.—The flight of Clyde, better known as "Kid," Morris has become the talk of the town today since it became known that he forged the name of his sister, Mrs. George R. Blackwell, to a paper and obtained the sum of $660 on it. This could not be known until yesterday evening late, when one of the defrauded men returned from his Christmas vacation. Morris fixed up his paper and gave it to Mr. J. E. Pegram his lawyer, who presented the security in the shape of collateral. He wanted $800 and was like Uncle Remus, "obleeged" to have $660. Of this amount $400 was to retire a piece of former rascality, so that he actually received $260 in cash before he skipped. Morris worked the game smoothly. He asked Mr. Pegram not to tell Mr. Everett who wanted the money, else the loan would fall through. Then he forged the name of his sister and that of 'Squire D. C. Gunter, who had to witness the paper, and he did it so cleverly that men associated with the 'squire all their lives could not detect the rascality. He did it so well that neither of the lawyers questioned it, and when the paper was probated there was no question asked. Then he hired the horse and buggy and drove to Greedmoor, about twenty miles from Durham, and hired a negro to bring the turnout back with a message to the liveryman that he would return Sunday and pay the bill. The horse came up very unexpectedly. The man bought a ticket to Roanoke Rapids and that is the last that has been heard from him.

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Twain's Emancipation.

An honorary degree was once conferred on Mark Twain by a humble institution in a Missouri town that had known him when he was playing Tom Sawyer there in real life.

It happened that the degree conferring cermonies took place one lazy day in June when newspapers generally were suffering from a total collapse of everything in the way of news.

One New York news editor raked the land with a figurative fine tooth comb and got a dry haul for his pains. Then, recalling that Mark Twain was getting his honorary degree that very day, it occurred to him that a message direct from the famous author might relieve the situation in the news. After much scratching of the editorial idea factory he evolved this query, which was transmitted to Mark Twain by wire:

How does it feel to be a doctor of laws? Please wire answer at our expense.

After a wait of several hours this characteristic response came hot over the wire from Missouri:

It feels like emancipation from ignorance and vice. MARK TWAIN.

Riding a Camel In the Desert.

Dr. Nachtigal, the celebrated African explorer, was the guest of a rich Hamburg merchant. The merchant's son, a young man of a somewhat sentimental temperament, said among other things that his dearest wish was to ride across the desert on the back of a camel. He thought such a ride must be very poetical indeed.

"My dear young friend," replied the explorer, "I can tell you how you can get a partial idea of what riding a camel on the deserts of Africa is like. Take an office stool, screw it up as high as possible and put it in a wagon without any springs. Then seat yourself on the stool and have it driven over rocky and uneven ground during the hottest weather of July or August and after you have not had anything to eat or drink for twenty-four hours, and then you will get a faint idea of how delightfully poetic it is to ride on a camel in the wilds of Africa."

He Gave Her a Present.

When I was a young man Lady Jersey was one of the leaders of fashion, and her house was the resort of politicians and others. With her lived her daughter, Lady Clementine Villiers, a handsome and clever girl. The custom had been established that all friends should give the latter a present on her birthday, and these presents were set out in an antechamber. Among these friends was Lord Brougham, then an old man. He called on a birthday, but had forgotten what the occasion was, and had brought no present. Seeing a mass of presents laid out, he seized one of them and took it in as his present, rightly counting that the young lady would not remember that it was one that already had been given to her. And very proud he was of his presence of mind. But, then, he was an ex-lord chancellor.—London Truth.

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JAMES F. WOOLVIN,
Administrator, Kate Jenkins.
de 18-fri-6t.

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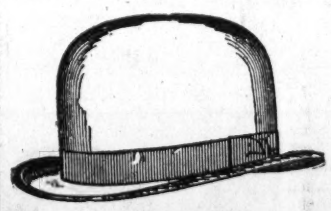

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No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:53 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHERAW SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'vlle		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

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FROM WILMINGTON.

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SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 6:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 31.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 37c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market, firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine quiet 39 1-2; rosin quiet $2.60; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	25
Rosin	(—)
Tar	70
Crude Turpentine	17

Receipts, same day last year 18 casks spirits turpentine; 129 barrels rosin; 151 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 9-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16c.

Receipts—759 bales, same day last year 2,022 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 20th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 10; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31—There was quite an active trade in cotton with interest centering on developments in the near months, which were of a character to impart a generally firm tone to prices. The close was very steady at a net advance of 3 to 6 points. Sales were estimated at 250,000 bales.

The opening was steady at an advance of 4 to 6 points in response to rather better cables than expected and as soon as it was seen that the January notices, estimated at about 125,000 to 145,000 bales, (representing nearly the entire stock), were being stopped by various houses, the market worked still higher, ruling particularly firm in the afternoon on covering by near month shorts and some scattering demand based on expectations of a general and more active trade after the first of the year. January sold at 9.02 in the late trading or 22 points net higher, and 65 points above the low level of the month.

The close was a little off from the top under realizing. It was rumored that the leading January long interest had not secured as much of the cotton tendered as it desired, and had been a buyer of contracts during the day. There was no business of importance in December.

Receipts at the ports today were 42,810 bales, against 52,996 last week and 30,520 last year; for the week 300,000 bales, against 364,363 last week and 361,976 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 16,847 bales, against 2,662 last year and at Houston 13,103 bales against 9,248 last year.

Spot cotton 15 points up; middling uplands 9.35; middling gulf 9.60; sales 34,600 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed very steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	8.85	——
January	8.85	8.96
February	——	8.96
March	8.89	8.94
April	——	8.92
May	8.92	8.96
June	——	8.93
July	8.92	8.94
August	——	8.68
October	8.68	8.68

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The week's developments tend to bring out in clear relief the firmness of the position in cotton. In spite of obstacles, which would usually have been deemed insurmountable, prices have advanced. From present appearances it looks to many as though there will be a premium for some time to come on each month as it is reached. Thus December has been at a premium of as high as 42 points over January. It has only just crumbled under selling by the December clique. It now seems likely that January will go to a premium over March, though hitherto it has been at a discount under March. January notices on Thursday for the delivery, estimated at 130,000 bales, though the largest ever known on a single day, strange as it may seem, so far from having a depressing effect were actually the signal for an advance. To many this looks like the handwriting on the wall. They think it eloquent testimony to the value of the actual cotton or a suggestion of coming events casting their shadow before for the behoof of those who would sell short.

Receipts, though smaller than recently, have continued relatively large and the close of the calendar year sees an amount of cotton brought into sight never before equalled. Yet prices have advanced. Trade has slowed down as usual at the close of the year and there is some fear that the discussion of the tariff may delay a business revival in 1909. Speculation, too, has continued narrow. It is confined for the most part to professional operators and some well known people in the cotton trade proper. Half a dozen Southern States have anti-option legislation though protests against it are beginning to be made in Texas and some other parts of the South.

It is contended that the elimination of speculation forces farmers, spot cotton dealers and a few others to carry the crop and that the price has suffered accordingly. However, this may be, speculation is sluggish and complaints are becoming louder that the present price of cotton makes it an unprofitable crop. Finally American and Continental spinners having bought freely for some time are supposed to be at least fairly well supplied. The stock at New York in the meantime has been increasing by leaps and bounds. The increase during December is 110,000 bales. Bears think the crop is 13,500,000 to 14,000,000 bales.

Most of the foregoing would ordinarily look like rather weighty counts in an indictment of the bulls in cotton before the jury of the commercial world. But the fact that the market has risen superior to them all and vindicated itself in a noticeable advance, encourages the believers in a much greater advance to come. The firmness of the spot markets, the large exports and the enormous quantity of cotton taken by spinners are things on which the bulls lay a good deal of stress. They think that fully 13,000,000 bales will be wanted and that more if possible will be bought by spinners owing to the good quality and the cheapness of the price if it continues anything like its present figures. Wall street sticks for the most part to the bull side. Some Wall street people with extensive Southern and Western connection recently became discouraged and took the short side for a turn. Their recent covering has contributed not a little to the support of the market. Other Wall street houses have bought steadily on any set-back in the price. They bank on a big consumption and what they consider an unwarrantably low price. Also on a possible decrease in the next acreage by reason of the invasion of land in Mississippi by the boll weevil. Liverpool has been liquidating straddles by buying here and selling across the water. That was another support. Big spot interests have also bought. January notices involving nearly six million dollars was promptly stopped, mostly by large Philadelphia spot interests. Manchester's trade looks more promising.

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 14,066; stock 190,006.

New Orleans—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 16,847; stock 339,084.

Mobile—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 322; stock 70,419.

Savannah—Firm, 8 5-8; net receipts 3,973; stock 159,208.

Charleston—Firm, 8 5-8; net receipts 418; stock 18,850.

Wilmington—Firm, 8 5-8; net receipts 729; stock 14,801.

Norfolk—Firm, 9.00; net receipts 1,373; stock 28,879.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9.00; stock 28,355.

New York—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts 120; stock 188,584.

Boston—Quiet, 9.35.

Philadelphia—Easy, 9.60; stock 2,575.

Port Townsend—Net receipts 4,267.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 695.

Total today, at all ports, Net 42,810; Great Britain 48,705; Continent 16,154; Japan 4,267; Stock 1,066,450.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 218,946; Great Britain 115,601; France 11,954; Continent 90,312; Japan 10,947.

Total since Sept. 1st, at all ports, Net 6,276,406; Great Britain 1,916,718; France 618,453; Continent 1,933,659; Japan 77,339; Mexico 4,103.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Steady, 8 15-16; net receipts 13,103; stock 159,797.

Augusta—Quiet, 9 1-8; net receipts 444; stock 104,038.

Memphis—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 3,184; stock 191,174.

St. Louis—Steady, 9 1-8; net receipts 500; stock 31,059.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 687; stock 19,458.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 3-8; net receipts 1,017; stock 47,202.

Total today—Net receipts 18,935; gross receipts 25,690; shipments 26,103; sales 4,007; stock 562,728.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 31.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand; prices unchanged. American middling fair 5.57; good middling 5.17; middling 4.99; low middling 4.79; good ordinary 4.28; ordinary 3 88.

The sales of the day were 14,000 bales of which 200 were for speculation and export and included 13,600 American.

Receipts 57,000 bales including 55,100 American. Futures opened quiet and closed steady. January 4.81 1-2; January and February 4.79 1-2; February and March 4.77 1-2; March and April4.77; April and May 4.77; May and June 4.77 1-2; June and July 4.77; July and August 4.77; August and September 4.69; October and November 4.60 1-2; November and December 4.58 1-2; December and January 4.58; January and February (1910) 4.57 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The dry goods market closed for the year with conservatism shown in all lines and with a very healthy undertone manifest in the primary markets. Cotton goods and cotton yarns closed steady to firm. Men's wear values for Fall are irregular, but the large producers are booking orders quite freely at close figures. The importation of fabrics for the eleven months period covered by the government reports show a substantial decline while the exports of cotton goods show a substantial increase as compared with last year for a similar period. The market will be closed on new year's day.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—The last day of the year at the stock exchange was a dull one. Only a small volume of business was done and there were few important changes in prices. Business was in the hands of small traders for the most part and operated in a desultory way, with no very consistent motive. A strong advance in New York Central was attributed to the belief that E. H. Harriman was to become an active counsellor in its affairs, rumor assigning him to the chairmanship of the board. A dropping tendency in some other Harriman properties was attributed at the same time to persisting rumors that that gentleman's health was not entirely satisfactory. Isolated advances were a feature of the market and those occurred for the most part amongst the less conspicuous stocks. Most of them were without explanations in any happenings. Some were supposed to be due simply to action by market pools holding a large proportion of the stock in control. There was some special pressure manifest on United States Steel and this was explained as being due to apprehension from the reduction of steel duties.

Rates for call loans were rather easier than in the last few days, but it is not expected rates for money will relapse to great ease immediately after New Year's.

Bonds were immegular. Total sales, par value, were $6,152,000. United States bonds unchanged on call. Total sales today were 578,000 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Money on call steady 2 1-2 to 3 1-4 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 2 1-2, offered at 2-3-4. Time loans easy; sixty days and ninety days 3 per cent., six months 3 1-2 to 3 3-4.

Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.8710 for demand Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 4.84 7-8. Bar silver 50 1-4. Mexican dollars 45.

BRADSTRETT'S REPORT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Holiday quiet has ruled in trade and industry, with pre-inventory sales among jobbers and clearance offerings by retailers leading features.

Trade in regular retail lines felt the influence of unseasonably mild weather early in the week, but toward the close a cold wave in the west gave some stimulus to business in seasonable goods.

Results of the year are now being arrived at in many lines of wholesale trade. While conditions are irregular, preventing characterization as a whole, the year was below 1907 and 1906 at many cities, and profits were certainly smaller all around.

Collections are irregular still dragging at the south. Holiday shut downs and inventories have made for quite in industry, but it is to be noted that while there is yet much idle machinery or capacity, still the feeling generally in all lines as compared with a year ago has very much improved, and optimism now rules where deparession was so visible twelve months ago. Stocks of goods are small in all positions and a good trade is looked for in 1909, but there is little expectation of a boom.

The iron and steel markets were very quiet this week. Prices, however, continue firm.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 30 number 299 against 222 last week, 345 in the week ending January 2, 1908. 185 in 1907, 220 in 1906 and 278 in 1905.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	101
U. S. 3s cou	101
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tomacco Co. 6s	108 1-4
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	96 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	101 1-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65 1-4
Southern Railway 5s	109 3-4
U. S. Steel 5s	103 1-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	83 3-4
Amr. Car & Foundry	50
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	109 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co	42 1-2
Amr. Locomotive	57 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref	83
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	101 1-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	131
Amr. Tobacco pfd	93 1-2
Atchison	100 3-8
Atchison pfd	101 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	109 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	110 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	57
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 7-8
Colorado & Southern	57
Erie	34 1-2
Erie 1st pfd	51 1-8
Erie 2nd pfd	40
Great Northern pfd	147
Kansas City Southern	40 1-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 3-4
L. & N.	125 3-8
Norfolk & Western	85 7-8
Northern Pacific	142 1-2
Pennsylvania	131 7-8
People's Gas	104 5-8
Reading	142 5-8
Rock Island Co	24 3-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	61 1-4
Southern Pacific	120 3-8
Southern Pacific pfd	121 3-4
Southern Railway	26 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	61 3-4
Standard Oil Co	693
Union Pacific	183 5-8
U. S. Steel	43 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd	113 1-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	44 1-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd ex div	112
Western Union	68 3-4
Westinghouse Electric Co.	85 1-4

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Flour dull but steady.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2, 1.07 1-2 to 1.09 elevator. Options 1-2 to 5-8c decline. Dec. 1.09 3-8; May 1.12; July 1.06 1-8.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 66 elevator. Options 1-4 to 1-2c net higher. Dec. 66 1-2; May 68 3-8; July 68 3-8; Sept. 68 3-8.

Oats—Spot quiet; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard and Pork—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw quiet; fair refining 3.17.

Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 6 3-4 to 6 7-8; Santos No. 4, 8 to 8 3-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady, net 5 points higher to 5 points lower.

Butter and Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firmer; State, Pennsylvania and nearby brown and mixed fancy 34 to 35; fair to choice 31 to 33.

Peanuts and Freights—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes and Cabages—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Firm, early reacting partly toward the close under realizing. Prime crude 31; prime summer yellow 39 1-2 to 40 1-4; prime white 40 to 43; prime winter yellow 45 1- 2to 46 1-2; off summer yellow 37 3-4 to 39 1-4; good off summer yellow 38 to 39 1-2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 31.—General liquidation of a pre-holiday character caused a slump in the price of wheat here today, closing showing a net loss of 1-8 to 1 1-8 to 1 1-4c. Corn, oats and provisions also closed weak.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
Dec.	1 04 3-8	1 05	1 04 7-8
May	1 08 1-2	1 08 1-2	1 07 1-2
July	99 7-8	1 00 1-8	99
Corn.			
Dec.	58 1-4	58 1-4	57 1-4
May	61 3-4	61 3-4	61 1-8
July	61 7-8	61 7-8	61 3-8
Oats.			
Dec.	49 7-8	49 7-8	49 1-2
May	52	52	51 1-2
July	46 3-4	46 3-4	46 1-4
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	16 25	16 32 1-2	16 25
May	16 60	16 60	16 45
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 50	9 50	9 45
May	9 72 1-2	9 72 1-2	9 70
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 35	8 35	8 32 1-2
May	8 70	8 72 1-2	8 65

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm. No. 3 spring wheat 1.03 1-2. No. 2 corn 58 to 58 1-4; No. 2 yellow 58 1-2 to 58 3-4. No. 2 white 51; No. 3 white 48 3-4 to 51 1-2. No. 2 rye 74. Good feeding barley 59. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.51 1-2. Clover contract grades 9.20. Short ribs, sides (loose) 7.87 1-2 to 8.37 1-2. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.62 1-2 to 14.75. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.45. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.50 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 31.—Rosin and turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—Turpentine firm 38 1-4; sales 117; receipts 207; shipments 236.

Rosin firm; sales 3,365; receipts 1,847; shipments 1,535; stocks 169,165. Quote: A. B. C. D. 3.00; E, 3.02 1-2; F, 3.05; G, 3.07 1-2; H, 3.37 1-2; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Turpentine firm 37 3-4. Rosin firm; quote: A. B. C. 2.92 1-2; D, 2.92 1-2; E, 2.92 1-2.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Str. Carib, Devereaux, Georgetown, S. C., H. G. Smallbones.

Str. Duplin, Stokes, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

Schr. Lottie R. Russell, 263 tons, James, Philadelphia, C. D. Maffitt.

CLEARED.

Br. str. Helena, Kelley, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS—FOREIGN.

Bremen—Br. str. Helena, 15,800 bales cotton, valued at $785,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Lottie R. Russell, 263 tons, James, C. D. Maffitt.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 31, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—106 bales cotton; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—352 bales cotton; 4 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—247 bales cotton; 25 casks spirits turpentine; 46 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—54 bales cotton; 4 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—16 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—759 bales cotton; 25 casks spirits turpentine; 70 barrels tar; 17 barrels crude turpentine.

—Gastonia Gazette: Some of the possibilities for Gastonia for 1909: A government building, free delivery of mail, a street railway, a new hotel, two or three more factories, better streets and sidewalks, a new opera house. These are only a few.

Deposits made on or before Jan. 2nd will bear interest from Jan. 1st at the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company. tf

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We wish to thank our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage we have enjoyed, and we especially thank the little boys and and those who were interested in the bicycle contest, and we wish to announce the name of **Marion J. Smith,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Smith, as being the lucky winner of the bicycle, leading the contest with 2,281 votes.

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Estimates of Death Roll Ceases to Concern the People.

TO TRANSPORT SURVIVORS

American Ambassodor Will Go to Messina in Search of Missing Americans—Horrors of Situation Continues to Grow.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Dec. 31.—Estimates of the death roll of the earthquake now ceases to concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming figures would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation, nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end, and other nations nave been quick to come to its assistance, even before the cry for aid went up. Ship loads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania, and other ports, and, according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six are now centered in the Strait of Messina and five thousand soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely longer survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

More Earthquake Shocks.

The latest reports received at Rome states that there have been many intermittent shocks following the first to which the greater part of the destruction is attributed. The British warship Minerva reported by wireless to Malta that two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night.

Professor Ricco, director of the observatory at Mount Etna, stated that his instruments have recorded 42 distinct shocks after the first, but that during the last 14 hours they have been almost motionless. Etna and Stromboli are now quiet, and he is certain that the earthquake was not of volcanic but geological origin similar to that of 1785.

Lloyd C. Grisom, the American ambassador, will leave here tomorrow and will proceed to Messina and other places in the South on an Italian warship in search of information concerning missing Americans.

Death List at 300,000.

The horror of the situation of Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents placed the death roll throughout the entire territory as high as 300,000 but this appears to be extreme. Others make their estimate 200,000, but the official estimate as made by the minister of marine still hold to 115,000.

Had Terrible Experience.

Montelone, Dec. 31.—The experiences of a band of refugees from Messina and Reggio who made their way on foot into Palmi is distressing beyond words. The Messina refugees succeeded in getting away from the Sicilian coast in sail boats. After a frightful experience in crossing the strait they landed on the Calabrian coast. Here they were met by haggard refugees from Reggio and the various groups of unfortunates joined forces

Together they painfully climbed the huge hills. At a certain point they all turned to give a last look at the burning cities. They stood on the mountain side plunged in despair. A young priest who had escaped from Reggio advanced toward the group, some 2,000 persons in all, and blessed them. Then, turning in the direction of Beggio he solemnly called down the blessing of God upon the desolated city. "Peace to the dying," he cried; "Peace to the dead," men, women and children knelt to the ground and raising their hands to heaven prayed for the deliverance of the multitude.

The band then took up its broken and toilsome march to Palmi where the refugees arrived ten hours later in a torrent of rain . Two thousand had set out in the beginning but only 500 ragged and emaciated wanderers reached their destination. The others had succumbed on the awful journey and fallen powerless by the wayside.

How is Your Digestion?

Mrs. Mary Dowling of No. 228 8th Ave., San Francisco, recommends a remedy for stomach trouble. She says: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters in a case of acute indigestion prompts this testimonial. I am fully convinced that for stomach and liver troubles Electric Bitters is the best remedy on the market today." This great tonic and aterative medicine invigorates the system, purifies the blood and is especially helpful in all forms of female weakness. 50c at Robt. R. Bellamy's drug store.

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THE OHIO SENATORSHIP

Announcement of the Withdrawal From Contest of Chas. P. Taft in Favor of Mr. Burton. To Break Solid South.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Beyond the remark that the withdrawal of Chas. P. Taft from the Senatorial contest in Ohio in favor of Representative Theodore E. Burton was a move in the interest of party harmony, President-elect Taft would say nothing on the subject. It was, he said, a matter regarding which any statement made should naturally come from his brother Charles.

Another conference was held today at the Taft cottage on the subject of the means to take advantage, at the proper time, of the real sentiment in the South which favored a political change. Charles H. Sherrill, of the National Business Men's League, of New York, who reached here today, was one of the conferees, while Messrs. Taft, Hammond and Hitchcock were the others.

This statement was dictated by Mr. Taft in the presence of the conferees and given to the public as showing the exact situation with reference to the matter today.

The conference between Mr. Taft and Messrs. Hammond, Hitchcock and Sherrill, in reference to the action to be taken with the view to the organization of the real sentiment in the South in favor of a change in that section resulted satisfactorily in a plan agreed upon by all parties.

"The Republican organization is to be maintained in all the States, and efforts made to increase the ranks of the Republican party as Republicans, ble. With the purpose, however, of securing the assistance of those who do not desire to ally themselves with the Republican party as eRpublicans, but only wish to act independently of the Democratic party in National campaigns it was thought best to secure the names of those who would take charge of this independent movement in each State, with a view to their subsequent organization at a time when such political action would be opportune.

"The impression which has gone out that in the previous conference any of the conferees were in favor of giving up the movement was erroneous. The question as to what name clubs to be organized in the future should bear is a mere matter of detail in respect to which no decision was reached."

The Taft family tonight attended a reception at the country club, given that the members of that organization might have an opportunity to meet the President-elect and the members of his family.

WILBUR WRIGHT AGAIN

He Makes Another Wonderful Balloon Assension With His Airship

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

LaMans, France, Dec. 31.—Wilbur Wright the American aeroplanist beat all previous aeroplane records here this afternoon with a magnificent flight that lasted for two hours and nine minutes. He covered officially a distance of 73 miles, but as a matter of fact, counting the wide curves, he made over 90 miles. Mr. Wright's feat was the more remarkable because of the intense cold.

A breaking the record, Mr. Wright went aloft again with Mr. Barthou as a passenger.

"Kid" Lloyd Challenged Johnson.

"Kid" Lloyd, the negro pugilist, who has under his direction the Pineland Training Quarters in this city, has challenged Jack Johnson, who defeated Burns in Sydney, Australia, on Thanksgiving Day for the championship of the world. Lloyd thinks he stands a fair showing of defeating him for the heavyweight championship. The pugilist here has fought several heavyweights and has been very successful in the ring. He is making efforts to arrange a fight with Johnson for March 15th at Los Angeles, California.

IN CASE OF C. F. KING.

His Bond on Appeal Placed at Thirty One Thousand Dollars.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.—Bail of $31,000 must be furnished by Saturday noon by Cardenio F. King, who was convicted Dec. 29th of larceny in 27 counts, of $22,000 from customers who desired King to buy stocks, the amount being fixed by Judge Schoefield in the Superior Court today. This is an increase of $10,000 in the bail which King furnished last June, when he was arrested and was ordered as the result of investigations, made the suggestion of the assistant district attorney who claimed that the sureties were not worth the full amount. Judge Schofield today ordered that those furnishing new bail should be held jointly and severally for the full amount. The increased bail is to be offered pending action on an appeal by King.

AFTERMATH OF EARTHQUAKE.

Destitute Parties in Messina Searching For Food For Families.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Messina, Dec. 31.—A frightful scene occurred here today amid the debris of the custom house. Bands of famished individuals were groping among the debris in the hope of recovering food. The first of the searchers who were successful were attacked by others with revolvers and knives, and were obliged to defend their finds literally with their lives. The struggle was fierce. The famished men threw themselves upon each other like wolves and several fell disemboweled in defending a handful of dry beans or a few ounces of flour. One of the unfortunates was pinned to a plank by a knife, while clinging to his hand was his little child, for whom he had sought food.

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Mrs. Virginia Hains Tells of Strange Actions of Capt. Hains—Confessed Her Love For Annis to the General.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 31.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a prinicpal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf today and their testimony brought out in detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence, and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the Captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her misconduct and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected.

The confession which General Hains declared his son's wife Claudia had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the West was read to the jury.

General Hains made a strong witness for his son, and counsel for the defense asserted tonight that the evidence was now conclusive that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot William Annis and his act was one of his sole doing.

The General will be under cross examination again next Monday.

Though Mrs. Hains, who wept many times during her story, the defense drew out the fact that Captain Hains in his early life evidenced physical weakness, which, counsel will endeavor to prove, through three experts, was a predisposing cause to insanity.

General Hains was permitted to say that his father died from insanity.

Justice Crane directed District Attorney Darrin, whose term of office expired tonight, to continue as the prosecutor in the Hains case.

Thornton J. Hains will be called to the witness stand next Monday.

Mrs. Hains said that her son visited her for a week in Washington and all during the visit she noticed the strange signs in "Connie," a pet name for Captain Hains.

"When 'Connie' was in Washington, what did you tell Thornton to do?"

"I told Thornton to take care of 'Connie' and stand by him."

"From your son's acts and what he has said, do you consider him rational or irrational?"

"I consider him irrational," said Mrs. Hains.

General Hains was the next witness. He said he had graduated at West Point in 1861, and had served in the Civil and Spanish wars and had been a member of the Nicaraguan Canal Commission and Panama Istamian Canal Commission. He is 68 years old.

Justice Crane ruled at the opening of the afternoon session that he would not permit testimony as to mental conditions of ancestors unless it was shown that it was transmittable.

General Hains said that on May 31, he saw Captain Hains with his wife at Fort Hamilton. The witness related an alleged confession that Claudia Hains made in their presence regarding an unfortunate episode with Wm. E. Annis. General Hains said he taxed Claudia for what had happened and she replied that she did not know why she had done it.

General Hains said he had another interview with Claudia Hains and then told Captain Hains what she had said.

"I said to the captain," testified General Hains, "that I put my hand on her head and said, 'Is it possible that these things are true?' and she said, 'yes, it is true. I am in love with Annis and he is in love with me.' I asked if her 'Connie' had not been good to her and she replied that he had."

Mr. McIntyre read the statement the defense contends overthrew the reason of Captain Hains. It was signed by Mrs. Hains on May 31, 1908 "in the presence of David C. Bennett, Jr." It relates that within a month after Captain Hains left Fort Hamilton for the Philippines on October 20, Mrs. Hains began improper intimacy with Annis. There were many clandestine meetings during the winter, ten or perhaps twelve, says the signed statement, always at an apartment "In East 19th street and always in the day time, except once." Continuing, the statement says that in April, as a result of her relations with Annis, Mrs. Hains found it necessary to call upon a physician in New York. After describing in detail the treatment she received from the doctors the statement concludes that Mrs. Hains after this statement, stayed at a hotel with a woman companion for a week.

LIPARI ISLANDS GONE?

Reports That Group on Sicily's Coast Have Suddenly Disappeared.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the Strait of Messina reports that the Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population of the group numbers 28,000 and must inevitably have perished.

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Colonel William R. Livermore, of the Federal army spoke on Lee's conduct of the same campaign, giving figures to show the disparity in numbers.

The next annual meeting having alternoon officers were elected.

The next anual meeting having already been fixed for New York City, in the holiday week of 1909, the place of meeting for 1910 was taken up, invitations being received from Columbus, Indianapolis, Minneapolis and St. Louis. The committee reported in favor of Indianapolis, and it was adopted.

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